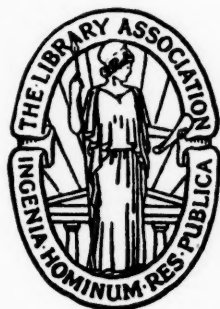


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HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF LIBRARIANSHIP

3134 *Origine, Formazione e vicende della Malatestiana*

[Origin, development and vicissitudes of the Biblioteca Malatestiana]

Augusto Campana

Accad. e Bibl. d'Italia, 21 (1) January-February 1953, 3-16. Illus.

An exhibition was held at Cesena to commemorate the fifth centenary of the Biblioteca Malatestiana (1452—1952). Points emphasised were: (i) the foundation of the Library in the Franciscan Convent and the help given in its development by Malatesta Novello, (ii) the three sources from which the original book stock came: the Convent, the Malatestiana family and books left by Giovanni di Marco, (iii) the vicissitudes of the library and the activities of its most famous librarians. The Malatestiana today represents the best example that has come down to us, of that type of library which created and spread throughout Italy the arts of the first Florentine Renaissance, the spiritual rebirth of the Religious Orders and the humanistic culture of the period.

M.M.

3135 *Zadania nauki o książce*

[The scope and aims of book science]

Stanisław Sierotwiński

Przegląd Biblioteczny, 21 (2) 1953, 111—125.

Scope and methods of book science, as opposed to bibliography, are not easy to define. Traditional approach has a tendency to treat books as typographical phenomena regardless of their contents. More important is the function of books as tools in dissemination of knowledge. A new book science should be devoted to the study of how to increase the value of books and use made of them.

M.L.D.

3136 *De sociologische functie van de bibliotheek*

[The sociological function of the library]

B. Landheer

Bibliotheekleven, 38 (9) September 1953, 245—256.

Discusses the sociological function of the library on the basis of four psychological factors: (i) the person who publishes the book or who makes it available (author, editor, bookseller, librarian, parents); (ii) the receiver (reader, buyer, pupil, parents); (iii) the book itself; (iv) condition of time and space, the milieu.

J.v.d.J.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

3137 [International Federation of Library Associations]

Libri, 4 (1) 1953, 61—78.

Beginning with this number *Libri* now contains notes and news of meetings and other activities of IFLA.

W.

3138 Der Bibliothekartag 1953 in Konstanz

[The 1953 librarians' conference at Constance]

Nach. f. wissen. Bib., 6 (5) August 1953, 161—210.

Almost the whole of this issue is devoted to the proceedings of the conference of the Verein Deutscher Bibliothekare and the Verein der Diplom-Bibliothekare an wissenschaftlichen Bibliotheken held at Constance on 26—28 May 1953. Papers were read by Hermann Tiemann, Wilhelm Hoffmann, G. v. Busse and G. Hofmann [all abstracted separately], and reports were received by the committees on bibliographical matters, theses and microfilms, bindings and their cataloguing, inter-library lending (dealing particularly with loans of mss. to libraries abroad), music librarianship, and professional education. The proceedings of the annual general meeting of the two associations are also given.

K.G.

3139 Annual Report, 1952 [of the Indian Library Association]

Abgila, 3 (1) March 1953, B1—B43.

Among subjects dealt with are the Association's publications, the development of Indian library legislation, and co-operation with Unesco.

B.C.V.

3140 VIII Congresso nazionale dell' Associazione Italiana per le biblioteche

[8th National Congress of the Italian Library Association]

Accad. e Bibl. d'Italia, 21 (2-3-4) March—August 1953, 77—252.

The main subjects discussed were: (i) the new regulations which will make the reproduction of rare and precious books easier; (ii) the work of the "Centri di Lettura" and the development of the experimental provincial library services; (iii) the professional education of librarians. One session dealt with the union catalogue and described the work in progress and a proposed scheme for a central catalogue of current books which will be produced by the National Central Library of Florence.

M.M.

3141 Taproot, trunk and branches

Flora B. Ludington

A.L.A. Bull., 47 (8) September 1953, 345, 366—373. Photo.

A survey of the American Library Association since first proposed at a meeting of librarians in 1853 to its foundation at the Philadelphia Conference in 1876 and subsequent growth to a membership of 20,000. The A.L.A. began to form sections in 1889. Divisions, round table groups and other associations have since been developed within the parent organization. A publishing programme was begun in 1903. Headquarters were not established (in Chicago Public Library) until 1909. Includes a sketch of developments in librarianship that have taken place during the century: IFLA, union catalogues, travelling libraries, work with children, library buildings, centralized services, library schools, and concludes with a summary of the value of libraries to the community.

W.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

(See also Abstract No. 3150)

3142 Teaching of Library Science

S. R. Ranganathan

Abgila, 3 (1) March 1953, 40—44.

This brief paper introduces a new series by the author, who proposes to deal with the need for training teachers of librarianship, curricula for different grades of work, optional subjects, and the technique of teaching. This first paper is autobiographical. A second paper in *Abgila* 3 (2) June 1953, 79—83, considers the training of teachers.

B.C.V.

3143 The Library Schools: a modest proposal

Philip McLeod

Ontario Lib. Rev., 37 (4) November 1953, 235—236.

The methods used at library schools are considered to be unsuitable and unnecessary for acquiring knowledge of a practice, a routine, a small trade which cannot truthfully be termed library science. Much as the library schools may object and protest, the writer suggests that the undergraduate would be better prepared for librarianship if, during his four years at the university, there were courses in library practice integrated in the curricula together with a period of apprenticeship in the university library. A few vigorous lectures, not rote learning of a welter of data which may well be mimeographed, and assignments covering every phase of library practice would produce a more thoroughly trained librarian.

W.

3144 Students' problems [Study and examination technique]

O. S. Tomlinson

Asst. Lib., **45** (9) November, 1953, 135—137.

Reading of the A.A.L. *Guides to professional examinations* is recommended. Preparation for examinations should include thorough knowledge of one's own library, visits to other libraries, attendance at professional meetings and the reading of professional periodicals, including *Library Science Abstracts*. An organized course of study is better than self-tuition. Examination questions must be carefully read and analysed. The importance of good style and presentation is stressed; practice and the roughing out of answers being necessary. Timing in the examination room is essential and a time-table should be worked out.

E.P.D.

3145 Scuola speciale per bibliotecari

[Special school for librarians]

Bibliofilia, **54** 1952, 160.

At the University of Rome a special school for librarians and archivists has been set up. It is divided into three sections, archivists, curators of MSS., librarians, with a separate course, of three years' duration, for each. The final examination, which includes a thesis, leads to a diploma. The syllabus is still far too traditional for librarians who will work in libraries which are not mere museums of codices and incunabula and appears anachronistic in comparison with those of similar schools in other European countries.

F.S.S.

3146 Reflection of an American Librarian. The Library: a communication centre for book and non-book materials

Librarian, **42** (8) August 1953, 151—152.

The author, for the past year, has been responsible for the special Audio-Visual Project in the School of Librarianship on the Berkeley Campus of the University of California. The first twelve months have been largely devoted to visits to and conferences with librarians and audio-visualists in all fields. In addition, five questionnaires have been sent out and five regional and one state workshops have been organized in California. The unity of materials has been the basic philosophy throughout. Instruction in librarianship needs to be broadened in two ways—a general approach to audio-visual and a specific approach in accordance with various types of library service. General instruction should include basic theories of audio-visual education, sources, types and evaluation of materials, and acquaintance with physical and technical aspects of equipment. Each librarian must do his bit to bridge the schism that has arisen between textbooks, library print and audio-visual.

G.P.S

3147 Training of Catalogers and Classifiers

Maurice F. Tauber

Lib. Trends, 2 (2) October 1953, 330—341. Bibliog.

Two questionnaire surveys made in America of accredited library school cataloguing courses by E. J. Humeston in 1951 and Clyde Pettus in 1952 are discussed, along with two recent studies of the cataloguing courses at the Universities of Illinois and Columbia. In the time at present allotted library schools cannot teach all possible variations in these subjects.

G.H.

LIBRARY SERVICES: GENERAL SURVEYS, INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL

3148 Das österreichische Bibliothekswesen

[Austrian learned libraries]

Hugo Alker

Z. f. B., 66 (11-12) November-December 1952, 423—446.

A detailed survey of the numerous state, academic and other libraries of Austria: their historical development and present condition: book-stock, book-selection, cataloguing and classification, methods of organization, staffing, recruitment and training of staff, buildings, equipment, the use made of libraries, their finance, their prospects and plans for the future are described.

H.R.K.

3149 Das finnische Büchereiwesen

[Finnish librarianship]

Gertrud Seydelmann

B. u. Bild., 5 (11) November 1953, 1130—1139.

A survey of librarianship in Finland since the Act of 1928. Describes the rights and responsibilities of municipalities which have built up library services with government grants. Deals with plans to revise the library law, to improve training for librarianship and the reorganization of the library association. Details are given of the library service in Helsinki, including service to hospitals.

W.

3150 Direktorentagung der wissenschaftlichen Bibliotheken in Jena

[Conference of directors of research libraries at Jena, September, 1952]

Z. f. B., 66 (11-12) November-December 1952, 405—411.

The abolition of privileges in the system of public education means that members of the general public are admitted without qualification to libraries of every type. The increasing use made of academic libraries by industrial workers makes it necessary to frame book-selection with a view to meet these new demands adequately.

Libraries must always be open in the evenings; reading-room collections must be topical and new accessions must be publicized widely. Library training, which is a university course, is to remain basically the same for public and academic librarians since the pre-war separation is considered socially undesirable, but aspirants to academic librarianship are to be made cognizant of the needs of research. The reform of the Prussian catalogue-code and the introduction of uniform subject cataloguing are considered. Central cataloguing of all German publications at Leipzig is to be supplemented by the central cataloguing of all foreign acquisitions at Berlin. A major bibliographical project envisaged is a central catalogue of the literature of the history of the working class movement.

H.R.K.

3151 **Gemeinschaftliche Planung: die Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft**

[Co-operative planning: the German Research Council]

G. v. Busse

Nach. f. wissen. Bib., 6 (5) August 1953, 183—188.

(See Abstracts Nos. 1824—1825). The DFG has made a total of DM. 3,250,000 available for library purposes during its five years of existence. During the first four years 45,250 vols. of monographs and 41,828 vols. of periodicals have been distributed to libraries in western Germany; the periodicals represent 1,375 titles from list "A" and 4,869 titles from list "B". The aim of the DFG in assisting libraries to build up their stocks is different from the aim of the pre-war Notgemeinschaft. The DFG is not primarily interested in libraries as such; it helps them because they are the vehicle through which scientific literature can be made available to the scientist, and this is particularly true in the case of the "B" scheme which is concerned with special subject groupings. One weakness of the "B" scheme is the need for specialist libraries to be in close association with more general libraries; this can perhaps be overcome by keeping the specialist libraries as reference collections and having second copies of the literature in a central place from which they can be lent to other libraries.

K.G.

3152 13. Sitzung des Bibliotheksausschusses der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft am 21.4.1953 in Bad Godesberg

[13th meeting of the library committee of the German Research Council held on 21 April 1953 at Bad Godesberg]

G. v. Busse

Nach. f. wissen. Bib., 6 (5) August 1953, 211—215.

A total of DM. 920,000 was spent in 1952, mainly on the distribution of 14,540 vols. of periodicals and 21,450 vols. of monographs to libraries in western Germany. About DM. 1m. will be

available in 1953 on similar work. A new schedule, showing the special subject groups of scheme "B" and their allocation to individual libraries, is printed at the end of the report.

K.G.

3153 Das Büchereiwesen im niederbayerischen Grenzland bedarf dringend der planvollen Fürsorge

[The frontier districts of Lower Bavaria urgently need planned library provision]

Hans Hirsch

Kulturarbeit, 5 (10) 1953, 199—200.

The frontier town of Passau and its six surrounding rural districts have never been adequately provided with libraries. 71 Roman Catholic parish libraries contain altogether 30,847 vols., and there are also some Evangelical parish libraries. Public libraries have a total of 10,203 vols. scattered in 40 places in the rural districts. The town of Passau founded a youth library in 1951 and this, its first public library, now contains 767 vols. Passau also has, in the America House, a library of 3,571 German and 3,935 English books; and there is a library of 70,000 vols. of a learned character in the theological college. These are no substitute for a public library, and the town has received this year from UNESCO a collection of 500 vols. to serve as a nucleus of such a library for adults. There should be a systematic plan to provide libraries throughout this area by 1958, and Passau itself should be the seat of a central library of not less than 10,000 vols. serving the whole of eastern Lower Bavaria.

K.G.

3154 Man-Power Analysis (3) and (4)

S. Ramabhadran

Abgila, 3 (1) March 1953, 35—40, and 3 (2) June 1953, 74—78.

(See Abstract No. 2707) Continues the detailed break-down of library jobs into their work-elements.

B.C.V.

3155 La Ricostruzione delle biblioteche Italiane

[The Reconstruction of Italian Libraries]

Mario Azzarita

Parola, 36 (9-10) September-October 1953, 280—282.

This general survey contains detailed accounts of what has been done in typical libraries such as the Alessandrina in Rome, the Brera of Milan and the University of Cagliari Library. Government

grants have risen from 3m. lire in 1945 to 290 m. in 1952—53 and 235 libraries have been reconstructed to date. 800m. worth of gifts, something less than a third of the total amount expended, have been received, including collections valued at nearly 513m. given to the Joppi library of Udine. Reconstruction will necessarily proceed more slowly now because the emphasis must shift from building, already completed in many cases, to the slower processes of overhauling stock and catalogues.

F.S.S.

LIBRARY CO-OPERATION, INCLUDING UNION CATALOGUES

(See also Abstracts Nos. 3140, 3175, 3316—3318, 3327)

3156 The Preservation of Medical Literature during a Period of War

Ingrid E. Voss

Spec. Libs., 44 (7) September 1953, 276—279. Refs.

A brief survey of library losses sustained in Europe and Asia during World War II indicates the need for a scheme to prevent similar loss in the event of another war. Possible remedies are the use of microfilms, microcards and the building up of medical bookstocks in various regions of the U.S.A., but co-ordinated effort is required to make any scheme effective.

M.B.

3157 Thoughts on Inter-Library Lending

P. J. Neumann

Aslib. Proc., 5 (3) August 1953, 203—208.

Although the present output of literature makes it difficult for one library to collect everything even in one field of applied science, co-operation between special libraries can give a high degree of bibliographical control. An example of such co-operation is the organization of the New York University Libraries, which was built up from seven units. Three elements are required for the satisfactory operation of such a scheme: a union catalogue, subject specialization, and standardized inter-lending procedure. Schemes of subject specialization, like the Farmington Plan, lead to more inter-lending and the Inter-Library Loan Code of 1940 has now become inadequate in many details. An examination of its defects suggests that a nationally-recognized procedure should be devised and adopted.

D.J.F.

3158 Locating Periodicals 3: Problems in connection with the borrowing of Periodicals

Ursula E. Price

Lib. Assn. Rec., 55 (8) August 1953, 250—252.

The Periodicals section of the National Central Library relies for research on the *World List of Scientific Periodicals*, the *Union Catalogue of Periodicals in University Libraries* and the N.C.L.'s own card catalogue (the Outlier union catalogue). However, there are a growing number of periodicals for which no locations are recorded, many very specialized. The problem of obtaining Russian and wartime issues of German periodicals, is being met by the use of Russian and German union catalogues at the N.C.L. There is no Japanese union catalogue. Difficulties are met in the locating of periodicals from application forms with details too much abbreviated, and also by volumes of periodicals that are in process of being bound.

J.G.

3159 Scottish Resources of Scientific and Technical Literature and Information and the need for more systematic organization

M. C. Pottinger

Aslib. Proc., 5 (3) August 1953, 155—162.

An analysis of loans requested by one special library over six months shows how near Scotland comes to self-sufficiency in technical literature, thanks to the co-operation of the Universities. The national and public libraries also provide much technical material, and play an increasingly important part in disseminating information. There are many fine special libraries, but co-operation between them could be better organized, as, for example, in the Aslib subject groups, and the Edinburgh medical libraries. A union list of periodicals for 18 Edinburgh libraries has also been published, and this may lead to rationalization and extension of holdings. The D.S.I.R. has a Scottish office, although most of its stations are outside Scotland. Greater use of D.S.I.R., with a survey of special collections and compiling a Scottish Union Catalogue of Periodicals, are three steps that should be taken.

D.J.F.

3160 Subject allocation in Wales

Charles F. Shepherd

Lib. Assn. Rec., 55 (10) October 1953, 317—318.

Came into operation on 1st April, 1953. The greater part of the Dewey classes have now been allocated and the co-operation of 31 libraries has been secured. The contributions of the various authorities were estimated by analysis of entries in the B.N.B. and a formula on the basis of £2 per thousand of population was fixed.

J.G.

3161 Zentralkataloge: Grundsätze und Aufbauvorschläge

[Union catalogues: theory and compilation]

Walter Bauhuis

Z. f. B., 67 (3-4) March-April 1953, 81-102.

Various views as to the use of photography, regionalization, staff, etc. are critically analysed and followed by a thorough discussion of recent practice and suggestions, e.g. microfilming of entries. The author's own experiments and calculations are fully described. Considerable detail, particularly as to costing, is given throughout.

F.M.J.

3162 Le problème de la création d'un catalogue collectif des fonds documentaires russes en Suisse

[The problem of making a union catalogue of Russian source material in Switzerland]

Boris Mouravieff

Nach. d. Vereinigung Schweizer Bib., 29 (4), July-August 1953, 119-25.

Switzerland is rich in research material for Russian history and literature. The numbers of titles are approximately 40,400 which include the stocks belonging to the international organizations (U.N. and I.L.B.) at Geneva, but owing to the fact that they are nearly all merged in general catalogues it is difficult to make much use of them. The great need therefore is for a union catalogue which could become a centre of documentation and research in Russian studies.

M.B.

NATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL LIBRARIES

3163 The Beginnings of the Commonwealth National Library, Canberra

Norman Bartlett

Librarian, 42 (7) July 1953, 143-146.

Edward Augustus Petherick, born 1847 at Burham, Somerset, was taken by his parents to Australia in 1853. At 15, he went to work for George Robertson, a Melbourne bookseller. In 1870, Robertson sent him to London as his buyer. Petherick had commenced a bibliography of Australasia, based on the titles which passed through his hands. When he began work again on this, he "found it impossible to do the work without getting the books if the price were reasonable". His purchases were on a silver, not a gold basis. His collection grew to 11,000 items and his bibliography to 100,000 entries. He prepared the 1899 *Catalogue of Books Relating*

to *Australasia*. In 1908, he took his collection to Australia where he gave it to the Federal Government to form the basis of the projected National Library. In 1911, he was appointed Government archivist and died in 1917.

G.P.S.

3164 The Commonwealth National Library of Australia

H. L. White

Unesco Bull., 7 (10) October 1953, 124—127.

This library developed from the library of the Commonwealth parliament and is intended primarily to act as a central source of information, known as the Legislative Reference service, for the government as a whole. Not only does the library fulfil this function but it collects the national literature and archives systematically and makes them available for use, collects that which is most significant of the literature of other countries and also acts as a headquarters for purposes of national and international co-operation. The maintenance and loan of educational and documentary films is a special feature of the library's work; it acts as a channel of distribution for films of the commonwealth and most overseas governments.

J.L.G.

3165 Sir Hans Sloane and the British Museum

G. R. de Beer

Brit. Mus. Q., 18 1953, 2—4.

[This number is devoted to Sloane on the bicentenary of the Museum as a tribute to its founder.]

By his will of 1739, Sir Hans Sloane directed that his extensive and renowned collection of objects of natural history, archaeological, artistic and ethnographical interests should be offered to the King for £20,000. When he died in 1753, Parliament accepted the offer, and provided by statute for its accommodation together with the Cottonian Library and Harleian Manuscripts.

J.C.S.

3166 Foreign Indiana and the National Central Library

Klaus Fischer

Abgila, 3 (2) June 1953, 61—71.

The author gives example of the books on India now being published in Germany, urges the value of such works for Indian libraries, and suggests that librarians in other countries could help the National Library in Calcutta to select and acquire such Indiana.

B.C.V.

3167 A National Library for New Zealand

N.Z. Libs., 16 (5) June 1953, 104—107.

A report of a discussion at a meeting of the Wellington Branch of the N.Z.L.A. Mr. Perry, Convenor of the National Library Committee of the N.Z.L.A. had previously circulated an outline on the subject in which he said that the arguments in support of the scheme were economy, convenience, space and a unified purpose; difficulties were: need to safeguard identity of existing collections, absence of an agreed Association policy, a defeatist attitude, and lack of conviction on the part of the Government. The N.Z.L.A. Conference had proposed a select Parliamentary Committee, and there was need for an agreed policy to put before such a Committee. Discussion centred on the Massey Report in Canada, on archives—whether to be administered separately or as part of or in conjunction with the National Library—and on the desirability of preserving the identities of the existing three national collections—whether one library or three libraries in one building.

G.P.S.

3168 Die Staatliche Lenin-Bibliothek der UdSSR

[The National Lenin Library of the USSR]

M. Klewenski

Bibliothekar, 7 (10) October 1953, 708—715. Photos.

Originally belonging to the Rumjanza Museum when founded in 1867 this library, containing 100,000 vols., became a copyright library and was soon second only to Petersburg. By 1917 the stock had increased to 1m., but, owing to inadequate staffing, catalogues were poor. Staff was increased to 280 in 1919, and a systematic catalogue was prepared. A new building was completed by 1939, and some departments transferred there. The library never closed during the war; it suffered no losses, but increased its stock greatly. A second building was completed in 1941 into whose 18 stack floors the stock was moved. 1942 saw the opening of a children's reading room in the old building. Containing 15m. books and periodicals the Lenin Library, as the Central Public Library of the USSR in Moscow, is the first of Russia's 368,000 libraries, and one of the largest in the world. Some 600,000 vols. are added yearly, 3 copies of every Soviet book by legal deposit. There are over 3m. foreign books. Shakespeare is available in many English editions, and translations include 25 into the languages of the USSR. Over 3,000 sets of periodicals are added annually. International inter-lending is considerable; loans to Soviet libraries are some 3,200 p.a. Reading rooms are open daily from 9 a.m. to midnight, including Sundays, accommodating 1,500 readers. During the year 1,700,000 use the reading rooms. Issues are ca. 9m., *i.e.* nearly 26,000 daily. Apart from lending books the library gives an

extensive information service. There are various publications, amongst them bibliographical aids ranging from small specialized reading lists to those indexing 13,000 items in a chosen field. Meetings and lectures take place in the library which has a staff of 1,500. The new Soviet classification scheme should be completed soon.

F.M.J.

3169 U.S. Overseas Library Program

Illinois Libs., 35 (8) October 1953, 330—331.

A.L.A. Council resolution of International Relations Board adopted unanimously June 25, 1953. These libraries, with which the A.L.A. has been intimately connected, have until now operated with devotion to the interests of the U.S.; recent attacks, charges of book burning, and consequent confusion especially of State Department directives have seriously damaged it. The indispensable value of free libraries is reaffirmed and the four conditions necessary to the integrity and effectiveness of the programme stated.

G.P.S.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES

(See also Abstracts Nos. 3305, 3323, 3350)

3170 De vetenskapliga bibliotekens situation i Finland

[The situation of the research libraries in Finland]

Lauri O. Th. Tudeer

Nord. Tid., 40 (2) 1953, 79—100.

Summary of a report of a committee appointed in 1947 and presented to the Minister of Education in April 1950. Surveys the actual situation of the research libraries and then discusses: (i) co-operation of libraries, (ii) training of staff, (iii) some problems of Helsinki University Library, (iv) protective measures in wartime, and (v) grants for libraries.

W.

3171 Das Problem der Universalbibliothek heute

[The problem of the university library today]

Hermann Tiemann

Nach. f. wissen. Bib., 6 (5) August 1953, 166—177.

Since the conception of the unity of all learning gave way, about the year 1840, to subject specialization, the German university library has been in danger of being split up into faculty and special libraries. Unfortunately this movement, which began with the separation of the humanities from the natural sciences, has become more marked since the war, especially in the field of science, despite the increasing tendency for the individual sciences to overlap one another. This tendency should enable the general university

library to come back into its own, and particular attention should be paid to book selection with this in mind. Book selection is, however, complicated by two factors: the system of special subject groupings recently introduced by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, and the relationship between the main university library and the departmental libraries. The co-existence of these two kinds of library within the university offers problems in connection with the scope of the book stock, the staffing, the conditions of use, and the financing of the main library. It is time that this question was resolved, and university librarians can exert an influence to ensure that the university library becomes once more a living general library.

K.G.

3172 Forskningsbibliotekene 1952—53

[Scholarly libraries 1952—53]

Arne Gallis

Bok og Bib., 20 (5) September 1953, 205—213.

Gives statistical information of 43 scholarly libraries. Very little development has been made with new building or extensions. Improved services and many more printed publications are noted and described. Appeals for a higher average education among librarians if better salaries are to be obtained and better services to be given to the public.

W.

3173 Service to Readers of University Libraries

N. Orwin Rush

Lib. Assn. Rec., 55 (10) October 1953, 313—315.

In the United States, the many new university and college libraries that are now being built find it easier to use documentary materials such as films, microfilms, slides, records, etc., and to provide seminar and conference rooms. Individual faculty studies are being provided. There are also Divisional reading rooms, each dealing with one branch of knowledge and containing all bibliographical and other material. Librarians of university libraries will in future need to be subject specialists. Students are required to take a course in the use of the library and guides to the library are issued in various forms. Bibliographies are prepared for research students. Bibliographical centres, which deal with inter-library loans and promote the development of libraries in their respective regions, are another important service to readers.

J.G.

3174 Bookman's oasis

R. L. Collison

Lib. World, 55 (638-9) August-September 1953, 24-25.

The William Andrews Clark Memorial Library was offered to the University of California at Los Angeles on the death of its founder. It contained collections of incunabula, Shakespearian and Restoration drama, printing and bibliography, French Literature, English Romantic poets and the 1890's, particularly Wilde, and was later developed to cover the period 1650-1750 in English culture. Holdings today total some 50,000 vols.

A.H.H.

3175 Co-operative book selection agreements among neighboring College Libraries

Arthur T. Hamlin

Southeastern Librarian, 3 (2) Summer 1953, 47-50.

Ernest C. Colwell, president of the University of Chicago, in 1949 laid down his concept of the three library resources required by a university: (i) an undergraduate general library of 50,000 volumes, (ii) a current research library for graduates and faculty, (iii) a regional library to house little-used items. Co-operative book selection schemes already exist between some universities and colleges. In September 1951, Smith, Mt. Holyoke and Amherst Colleges founded the Hampshire Inter-Library Center (*See Abstract No. 1827*), and extracts from its first annual report (1951-2) show its working. Special treasures owned by colleges would remain where they are, but important documents and journals will be kept by the Center. College libraries will become smaller. Although the scheme seems at present too idealistic for some tastes, co-operation will be forced on libraries who will thus have to spell out objectives and policies, or decline to the general level of a cemetery.

J.M.B.

3176 The Orville B. Gorin Library

Helen G. Fromel

Illinois Libs., 35 (8) October 1953, 343-346. Photo.

Opened in 1903, Millikin University is a liberal arts and vocational university in Decatur, Ill., with 950 students and a faculty of 98. The present library building was opened in 1931 and dedicated to Orville B. Gorin. The building with its three floors and seven levels of stacks is described. The largest sections of the stock of 50,000 volumes are Business Economics, History and Literature with a small well-chosen collection on Industry. The Music section has been emphasized during the last three years. The budget is allocated to the departments; each selects its own books, the final decision resting with the librarian.

G.P.S.

3177 New Library at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine

Lilah B. Heck

Bull. Med. Lib. Assn., 41 (3) July 1953, 238—243. 4 figs.

The library was allotted two floors of a wing which had to conform to the rest of the building in window placement, etc. The planning and furnishing of offices, circulation desk area, reference centre, reading room, and book stacks in an area of 46 by 104 feet are described and illustrated. The use of a plate glass partition to separate the reading-periodical room from the central area permits supervision by one person.

W.J.B.

3178 Information wanted

Harry C. Bauer

Lib. J., 78 (16) September 1953, 1465—1469.

The type of reference work carried on at Washington University Library is described. All types of queries are mentioned, both general and also specialized in nature in order to compare this work with that of other reference libraries. The loan of doctoral theses is given as the kind of library service only maintained at a university. The Pacific North West Bibliographic Center is housed at the University but it is owned and operated by 165 libraries in the region. The centre has a union catalogue and for inter-library loans has no stock of its own but depends on that of its participating libraries. Requests for books or information are answered by correspondence and books are loaned direct.

J.L.G.

3179 University College of the West Indies Library

H. Holdsworth.

Lib. Assn. Rec., 55 (9) September 1953, 278—281. Illus.

Opened in 1948, the building cost £42,000, has stack space for 45,000 vols., and room for 200 readers. Interior walls have been omitted where possible to create an impression of spaciousness and to increase the air circulation. Colours are in pastel shades and steel shelving has been used throughout. A mezzanine gallery is designed for current periodicals with shelving 10 ins. deep and 6-ft. high. The first floor comprises a science and medicine reading room. The Library of Congress classification is used and L. of C. cards bought. 40,000 books are on open access. In 1948—49 a bindery was started having an entirely Jamaican staff. The library staff consists of a librarian, four professional assistants and clerical staff.

J.G.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

(See also Abstracts Nos. 3159, 3244, 3252, 3295)

3180 An early special public library

Jean Anker

Libri, 4 (1) 1953, 7-13.

An early example of the special public library was the Royal Botanical Library at Copenhagen, established by royal decree in 1752 as part of a scheme for exploiting natural products. A liberal policy of lending owed its inception to its director, Georg Christian Oeder, who had been inspired by the example of Göttingen University (1738). The foundation edict provided for a library "as a public service for the use of all contemporary and future lovers of botany", and laid down directions for expenditure, scope, method of selection, catalogues, inventories, and rules for borrowing under safeguard. Great expectations were aroused but eventually the library was abandoned on grounds of expense.

J.C.S.

3181 The Chatsworth Library

T. S. Wragg

Books, (281) November 1953, 86-88. Photos.

This is largely the creation of the 6th Duke of Devonshire who purchased many incunabula including Bishop Dampier's collection of rare editions of the classics. He inherited several family collections such as those from Chatsworth and Hardwick, including Thomas Hobbes' Manuscripts and many early tracts on the Americas, and also the library of the scientist Cavendish. The 2nd Duke acquired Claude and Rembrandt drawings, early engravings and the Manuscript Benedictional of St. Aethelwold. To the 4th Duke came the designs for court masques by Inigo Jones and many architectural drawings; in addition he purchased Kemble's dramatic collection, since sold to the Huntington Library. The library now contains more than 35,000 volumes, including 23 works by Wynkyn, many *Short Title Catalogue* books, and some 20 Groliers, besides the extensive archives of the Cavendish and allied families.

J.C.S.

3182 The Earl of Leicester's Library at Holkham

W. D. Hassall

Books, (280) October 1953, 44-46.

(See Abstract No. 2070). The nucleus of this collection was the library of Sir Edward Coke (died 1634). Even in his day it suffered depredations, but he had it catalogued and made it an heirloom. Part of its contents were sold in 1851, and quite recently many incunabula and *Short Title Catalogue* items and some mss. (including Cartularies) were sold to the British Museum and to the Bodleian. In spite of these losses, the library at Holkham appears outwardly unchanged.

J.C.S.

3183 *The Manchester Guardian Library*

Geoffrey Whatmore

Manch. Rev., 6 Autumn 1953, 473—476.

The library is a storehouse of documents and books relating to the history of the paper, and it provides a quick reference information service on the news of the day. The second of these tasks is the subject of this article. The library is designed to work rapidly, the aim being to produce brief information quickly rather than a thorough survey after wide research. It serves chiefly the editorial staff. It relies mainly on press cuttings, but in addition it carries a synopsis of the book stock of a general reference library. Each specialist tends to gather about him the books he uses constantly, therefore the library is scattered, in subject groups, and in broken order, but correlated by location symbols in a dictionary catalogue. In the libraries of newspapers, shortage of space is endemic. Bound volumes of newspapers grow at the rate of several feet of shelving a year. One way out of the difficulty is to microfilm instead of bind copies for preservation.

D.R.

3184 *Symposium on Three Types of Medical Libraries*

Bull. Med. Lib. Assn., 41 (3) July 1953, 220—237.

(i) A University Medical Library (I. B. Jones). A detailed history and description of the Medical Library of Liverpool University. (ii) Medical Society Libraries (W. A. Lee). An account of the principal medical libraries founded in connection with British medical societies, with special reference to the Library of the Liverpool Medical Institution. (iii) A Combined University-Medical and Medical Society Library (G. Wilson). A history and description of the Manchester Medical Library which represents a fusion of the libraries of the Manchester Medical Society (founded 1834) and the Manchester University. The work of Dr. Thomas Windsor in building up the magnificent historical collection is described. The great collection of biographical notes and pamphlets by and about Manchester Medical Men, presented by Dr. E. Bosdin Leech in 1934, is being extended. The Library contains about 100,000 vols. and receives 600 periodicals.

W.J.B.

3185 *Assistance to Readers in Medical Libraries*

F. A. Tubbs

Lib. Assn. Rec., 55 (8) August 1953, 252—254.

At St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, the librarian gives talks on the library services and use of bibliographical aids. The students needs guidance to the many periodicals displayed. The British Medical Association, The British Council, Liverpool

Medical Institution, the London School of Hygiene and the university libraries lend many volumes to students, and the library of the Royal College of Surgeons is also available. The librarian needs to keep a card index of recent articles likely to be useful. Some medical schools issue weekly bulletins giving titles of accessions and contents of journals. Research workers need special bibliographies on a wide variety of subjects.

J.G.

3186 Agricultural co-operation

Armando Samper

Lib. J., 78 (15) September 1953, 1371—1375.

The necessity for more agricultural research libraries in S. America is stressed. An advisory board, composed of U.S. and S. American librarians and agriculturalists, organized in 1950, meets annually to plan the programme for the coming year. The current programme, operated from the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Turrialba, Costa Rica, is as follows: (i) selected abstract journals are bought and circulated to research libraries; (ii) periodicals and serials are bought, circulated and abstracted; (iii) a photocopying service is maintained and for payment, when national currency differs, both a coupon service and a scheme of adjustment are in being; (iv) for the isolated research worker limited bibliographical services on specified subjects are supplied; (v) a quarterly technical journal *Turrialba* is published; (vi) assistance is given to the extension services in the improvement of their own publications and visual aid materials; (vii) a select list of current acquisitions by the Institute library is published in *Turrialba*; (viii) the improvement of Latin American agricultural libraries. Full co-operation is maintained with all international agricultural organizations to save duplication of work. A little about the work carried on and a long range programme of aims are outlined.

J.L.G.

3187 Libraries of entertainment in the United States of America

Robert L. Collison

Libri, 4 (1) 1953, 1—6.

Libraries dealing with the literature of the theatre, the cinema and circuses have reached a much higher stage of development in the U.S. than in Britain. They centre mainly in New York and Los Angeles. At Los Angeles the production needs of film corporations are served by vast collections of material for the dress designers, scene painters, and story writers, and the staffs anticipate their requirements by reproducing and arranging textual and pictorial matter from innumerable sources. There is extensive co-operation

between librarians in different companies. Important theatre collections embracing much original research material on the American and European theatre are found particularly at the front-rank universities, where schools of drama are being established and special departmental libraries evolved. Another outstanding example is the New York Public Library which houses several special collections and serves theatre workers, writers and students.

J.C.S.

3188 The Libraries of the Art Institute of Chicago

Ruth E. Schoneman

Illinois Libs., 35 (8) October 1953, 348—350.

The Ryerson Library was opened in 1901. The stock of 48,000 includes biographical dictionaries of artists, complete catalogues of work of major artists, critical treatises, museum and exhibition catalogues and works on several thousand artists. The growth of the library is related to the museum acquisition policy—mainly 19th and 20th century French and American paintings. The Slide and Photograph Department has 80,500 glossy photographs, 17,500 colour prints, 52,500 postcards, 56,000 reproductions clipped from magazines and 41,500 lantern slides. The Burnham Library of Architecture was formed in 1912, and the stock numbers 11,600 volumes plus pamphlets and clippings. This library includes the Fontaine collection, which is the library of the French architect Pierre Fontaine, obtained intact in 1927; a second collection relates to Louis H. Sullivan of Chicago. Both libraries use a modified and expanded Dewey and each has its own dictionary catalogue.

G.P.S.

3189 Impressions of the Course in Medical Libraries at Emory University

Mary E. Disbrow

Bull. Med. Lib. Assn., 41 (3), July 1953, 277—282.

Description of a five weeks' postgraduate course under the direction of Miss Mildred Jordan. The course, which is now in its second year, was attended by 18 students. Lectures on the various departments of medicine were given by medical men, and these were followed by instruction in the bibliographical and reference tools available in the field. [This is a most instructive account of a well-planned course in which equal emphasis appears to have been placed upon subject knowledge and upon the special techniques involved in medical library work].

W.J.B.

3190 The Johns-Manville Research Center Library [N.J., U.S.A.]

Ruth E. Keusseff and Ruth C. Naul

Spec. Libs., **44** (7) September 1953, 261—264. Illus.

The library, established in 1928, has developed in response to, and in anticipation of, the needs of the research workers, and now contains 4,000 vols. It circulates 32,000 periodicals annually and articles of interest are abstracted which, together with patent abstracts, are included in a weekly bulletin. The three reference librarians of a staff of eleven, are each responsible for a part of the library's work: (i) operation of the library (ii) maintenance of records (iii) indexing 40,000 technical reports issued since 1928. All staff co-operate in reading periodicals and conducting literature searches.

M.B.

3191 Building a Library Collection for the Pulp and Paper Curriculum at Western Michigan College of Education

Taisto John Niemi

T.A.P.P.I., **36** (10) October 1953, 125A—128A.

A nucleus collection on pulp and paper from the general library of the college was expanded by adding the Physical Sciences Library and gifts of several thousand periodicals and books from the local paper industry. A Library Committee was set up to maintain contact with the paper industry. Further development came about by exchanging materials with other libraries and participating in the United States Book Exchange scheme. The file of *Chemical Abstracts* was completed and microfilm and microcard readers have been purchased.

J.S.R.

3192 The Medical Libraries of West Africa

L. Dopson

West Afr. Rev., **24** (313) October 1953, 1050—1052.

An account of the development of medical libraries in West Africa during the past 40 years, based on papers read by Dr. D. A. Cannon and Mr. J. Harris at the 1st International Congress on Medical Librarianship. The Central Medical Library at Yaba was formed by the amalgamation of the libraries of the Medical Headquarters, Lagos, and the Medical Research Institute, Yaba. The Librarian is a Nigerian who received his training in England and there are two assistants. The Library has a large number of textbooks, fairly complete sets of many important journals in the field of tropical medicine, and it receives 151 journals currently. The medical section of the Library of University College, Ibadan (founded 1948) is expanding rapidly. It now has about 2,000 books and 4,000

volumes of journals; 150 current medical journals are received. The Bliss Classification is used. The West African Institute for Trypanosomiasis Research at Kaduna also has a library. Considerable help has been given in the development of these libraries by the British Council and by medical libraries throughout the world.

W.J.B.

3193 Setting up a Small Special Library

James Revie

Aslib Proc., 5 (3) August 1953, 171—180.

Suggests simple methods of accessioning, cataloguing, classifying, storing and disseminating a small collection of technical literature administered by an "intelligent and imaginary typist, Miss Smith". A single accessions register in loose-leaf form which provides data for preparing subject and author catalogues, is used for all materials except periodicals. These are entered in a visible index system. Advice is given on the shelving of books, filing of other material, circulating periodicals and recording loans.

J.S.R.

3194 The Chemical Library in Industry

Irene M. Strieby

J. of Chem. Educ., 30 (10) October 1953, 521—525. Bibliog.

The function of the librarian who is the administrative head of his department is to acquire printed and near printed material of use to his organization, to supervise processes necessary for making it available, to aid the distribution of material and assist clientele in finding facts. The library must be staffed to answer questions related to the company's subject field and peripheral fields, and also questions without a chemical slant. The librarian must be proficient in library science, chemistry and related sciences and have varied life experience, knowledge of business information sources and foreign languages. He must attempt to compensate for his deficiencies by improving his own knowledge, and in his choice of staff. University courses in chemical literature now offer improved educational facilities.

G.W.W.

3195 The Budget in the Medical School Library

Marcella Glasgow

Bull. Med. Lib. Assn., 41 (3) July 1953, 252—257. Refs.

After preliminary considerations, the budget is discussed under the headings of Salaries; Equipment; Supplies; Books; Periodicals; Binding; Photoduplication; Travel; Library membership in societies; Telephone and telegraph; Express; Freight; Insurance. Methods of determining a budget are discussed, and advice is given on record keeping and on the preparation of budgetary statements.

W.J.B.

3196 Instructions for a Medical School Library Planning Survey

Lora-Frances David

Bull. Med. Lib. Assn., 41 (3) July 1953, 273—276. Refs.

Advice to the librarian who is making a tour of medical school libraries in order to obtain information and ideas which will help in the planning of his own library. An informative survey of this kind can only be made by using the standard methods of social science; these methods and the results to be expected from them are outlined.

W.J.B.

3197 The Use of Visual Media for Better Public Relations in a Medical Library

E. W. Cooper

Bull. Med. Lib. Assn., 41 (3) July 1953, 215—219.

Visual media are regarded as a means of extending the "personal" touch of the librarian. The use of maps, shelf labels and colour indicators in explaining the physical arrangement of the library is discussed. Library rules are presented in the form of a handbook which "contains all pertinent information about the Library in a short, attractive form." The application of visual media in explaining the use of the card catalogue, the medical and dental indexing tools, and the special collections is considered. The great value of pictures, displays, and exhibitions—which need not be elaborately staged—is emphasized.

W.J.B.

3198 The Major Problems of Military Libraries

Jerrold Orne

Spec. Libs., 44 (7) September 1953, 268—271.

Of the two types of military libraries, the problems of the recreational library are similar to those encountered in civil libraries. The non-recreational library has its own peculiar problems: (i) the status of a civilian in a military community; (ii) the policy of bulk-purchase is not economic for library equipment and material; (iii) certain publications are restricted in use by security measures, opposing the librarian's ideal of free dissemination of knowledge; (iv) analysis of large number of documentary reports by small staffs each week. The solution must be to convey a better idea of the work of a library to Government officials.

M.B.

3199 Warum Werkbüchereien ? [Why works libraries ?]

Käthe Wehrmann

B. u. Bild. 5 (9) September 1953, 843—846.

The works library helps workers to overcome the mental stress experienced in trying to adapt themselves to new and unfamiliar processes. It counteracts dehumanization. Junior workers in the library will be greatly helped by the educational function of the library. Such libraries owe their origin to the private initiative of the factory owners. There is a risk that the running of the library will fall into the hands of an amateur, therefore there should be close co-operation with public libraries.

W.

INFORMATION SERVICES

(See also Abstracts Nos. 3183, 3230, 3283, 3322)

3200 Information Services

J. E. L. Farradane

Chem. and Ind., (44) 31 October 1953, 1170.

The Society of Chemical Industry Documentation Committee is to publish occasional notes on information services in this country. Members requiring technical information use their firm's library, the Chemical Society Library, the Science Library and the Patent Office Library, and research associations information departments. Three major means of further enquiry are the public library reference department with inter-library co-operation, D.S.I.R. research establishments particulars of which are given in *Brief Guide to the Research Activities of D.S.I.R. and the Research Associations*, and ASLIB which supplies information to its members.

G.W.W.

3201 The Research Association of British Rubber Manufacturers

J. R. Scott

Chem. and Ind., (38) 19 September, 1953, 978—981.

The library contains 80,000 books, pamphlets and volumes of periodicals, and classified indexes to rubber and plastics literature on 625,000 cards. The Intelligence Division issues monthly *Rubber Abstracts* and regular reviews dealing with patents, economics and trade developments.

G.W.W.

3202 British Scientific Instrument Research Association

A. J. Philpot

Chem. and Ind., (35) 29 August 1953, 904—906.

Work of the Association is described. It has a well-stocked library and a comprehensive information department used by members, outside bodies and instrument users. It issues a technical news bulletin dealing with its laboratory work and new materials and components, also a bulletin consisting mainly of abstracts.

G.W.W.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES : GENERAL SURVEYS

(See also Abstracts Nos. 3153, 3168, 3180, 3235, 3244—3248)

3203 En dobbalt udfordring [A double challenge]

Edward Sydney

Bogens Verden, 35 (5) 1 September 1953, 252—257.

The public library service of the Western world faces two strong challenges: the increasing complexity of social living, the greater need for information and the audio-visual media which challenge the library's capacity for adaptation; the validity of its fundamental assumptions is being tested in their application by Unesco to conditions very different from the West. The challenge to adopt and change is causing librarians to re-examine their faith and objectives and to attempt an assessment of the public library's contribution to society, e.g. *The Public Library Inquiry*. In continuance of the assumptions stated in the Unesco manifesto on the public library, the author offers eight specific points for observation by all those responsible for the new public library services in hitherto unserved areas.

W.

3204 A mobile library system in Ceylon villages

Fund. Educ., 5 (3) July 1953, 142.

Established as part of the Unesco-Government of Ceylon fundamental education project in Minneriya, 28 out of 50 centres had been created by the end of 1952. A large percentage of the population is literate but books were scarce when the preliminary survey was made. Now 1,241 books are being circulated in 18 centres by means of a mobile library which delivers boxes of books to each centre. The average number of users in each centre is 183 and the average number of books issued each month in a centre is also 183.

W.

3205 Public library pilot project in Colombia

Fund. Educ., 5 (3) July 1953, 146.

The Government of Colombia and Unesco have signed a five-year agreement to establish a library pilot project in Medellin, Colombia. It is planned as a model to stimulate the development of public library services throughout Latin America. The project will open in 1954.

W.

3206 Biblioteksundersøgelsen [The library investigation]

Ida Bachmann

Bogens Verden, 35 (4) 1953, 194—195.

All statistics are now collected for the Investigation for the Better Use of Libraries. A questionnaire of 28 pages included items on situation and locality of the library, budget, book collection, book selection policy, staff, circulation, reading room and extension work, advertising, etc. It will be some time before the results are published.

L.L.

3207 Die Entwicklung der Volksbüchereien seit 1949

[The development of public libraries since 1949]

Bernhard Mewes

Kulturarbeit, 5 (9) 1953, 176—178.

Public libraries in western Germany have experienced an increased demand for reading matter since the war. This has been due partly to the destruction of libraries during the war and the scarcity of new books immediately after the war, but it is due also to the flood of refugees from the east who have had to leave their own books behind. Statistics collected from 205 towns with public libraries show an average book stock of 22.2 volumes for each 100 inhabitants, 3.9 per cent. of the population to be regular readers, and issues to amount to 82.9 for each 100 inhabitants. As compared with 1940 (*i.e.*, the year before German libraries began to be affected by air raids), the figures for the book stock stand at 123.3 per cent., for regular readers at 169.6 per cent., and for issues at 191.5 per cent. This increase has occurred mainly since 1948. War damage has made necessary many new buildings. Although so much progress has been made in the urban library systems during the last five years, there is still much to be done, but the chief obstacle is finance.

K.G.

3208 Rationalisierung des städtischen Büchereiwesens

[Rationalisation of urban library systems]

—Schmitz-Veltin

Kulturarbeit, 5 (9) 1953, 161—163.

A conference of the chief librarians of the larger towns in the province of North Rhine-Westphalia has issued its findings on the rationalisation of urban library systems. These findings cover organisation, administrative methods and service to readers. Among the minimum requirements considered necessary by an urban library system are an annual subsidy of DM. 1.50—2.50 (apart from funds required to make good war damage), convenient buildings, a book stock of one volume per inhabitant, and one member of the library staff for each 5,000 inhabitants.

K.G.

3209 Libraries in India

John Makin

Lib. Rev., (108) Winter 1953, 218—221.

Public libraries as known in Britain are almost unknown in India; most of them being subscription libraries. Book stocks in general are poor, and since few books are ever discarded, shelves have a depressing appearance. Fungus, white ants or rats may attack the books, and poor paper and bindings give only a short life. 85% of the population is illiterate, decreasing the apparently enormous reader potential. Professional organization is difficult, owing to the remoteness of Delhi control and the distraction of regional associations.

E.J.

3210 Unesco Public Library Pilot Projects

Edward Carter

Books, (280), October 1953, 50—54.

(See Abstract No. 2763). The Delhi Public Library established by UNESCO and the Government of India is significant not only because of its immediate local success and as a model for the development of other libraries in the area, but as an example of the world-wide potentialities of the pilot project. The project was set up by a five-year agreement between Unesco and India for its joint finance and administration, and has been conceived as a comprehensive cultural centre with lending and reference library and reading room, a children's library and a Social Education Department with lecture and exhibition hall. Book selection is conditioned by a shortage of works in the vernacular, and this has led to the development of a publications programme. The Social Education Departments set up deposit stations in four small branches, and discussion groups, film shows, lectures, concerts and exhibitions

followed. A large mobile book-unit began operating, and the next step will be the establishment of branch libraries. The project is being used to aid library development in South Asia by the award of training scholarships, by film publicity and by a seminar. Its success has led to the adoption of a similar project at Medellin, Colombia.

J.C.S.

3211 Planned Development of Public Library Service in Madhya Bharat

V. S. Moghe

Abgila, 3 (2) June 1953, 55—60.

Describes in broad outline a plan for the library development of this state, which has a population of 8 million, one-tenth being literate.

B.V.C.

3212 Public Libraries : annual reports, 1952—53

N.Z. Libs., 17 (6) July-August 1953, 121—130.

Extracts are quoted and summaries of statistics given from the annual reports of Auckland, Wellington, Hamilton, Invercargill, Wanganui, Timaru, Petone and Upper Hutt.

G.P.S.

3213 Standards of salaries for public libraries

N.Z. Libs., 16 (5) June 1953, 111—113.

The new scales given are a revision of the N.Z.L.A. Salary Scale published in April, 1950. Arranged by type of appointment, the salary scale and qualifications required are graded by population.

G.P.S.

3214 Of a Visit to the Municipal Library in Stavanger

George Gray

Lib. World, 55 (638-9) August-September 1953, 22—24.

Founded in 1885, the library has a stock of approximately 75,000 vols. Great prominence is given to works of local authors such as A. L. Kielland and A. Garborg. The Reference Dept. contains books of service to the town's fishing industry and many on Norwegian history and antiquities. Outside activities include a service to the City Hospital, reading circles, study groups and work with children.

A.H.H.

3215 The Public Library at Graaf Reinet: some historical notes

I. B. Lawrie

S. Afr. Bib., 21 (1) July 1953, 21—24.

A short history of the library from 1818 to date. It was established by the local church in 1818, lapsed after 1822 but was revived in 1847. Extracts from the Graaff Reinet Herald give information on the staff, stock and buildings. Until 1865 the library was financed by subscription but after this date it received a government grant. As the income increased the service developed until now the subscribers number 400 and the stock between 17,000 and 18,000 volumes including a valuable Africana section.

J.T.

3216 Public library study

Virginia L. Moran, *and others*

Lib. J., 78 (17) October 1953, 1608—1611.

A report in brief of a survey of conditions and problems of U.S. public libraries states that they are facing a major crisis. Libraries are said to lack financial support and thereby one third of the total population is deprived of effective library service. Adequately trained personnel are desperately needed and the money to pay them. A chart shows that only two out of 41 states are above the minimum per capita expenditure standard laid down by the A.L.A. Children's work, loan of films, and the state of buildings are surveyed. It is suggested that only more local support and financial assistance from the state agency can aid the public libraries.

J.L.G.

3217 The Dynamics of an 11-point plan for Florida library progress

Louis Shores

Florida Libs., 3 (4) March 1953, 3—4, 17, 33—34.

The points outlined concern: public library extension, school library support, audio-visual development, special library encouragement, research co-operation, professional recruitment and education, library standards and library certification, state library agencies liaison, professional organisation activities, negro library service assistance, inter-state co-operation.

W.

3218 Statistics of library service in Illinois, 1952—1953

Illinois State Library

Illinois Libs., 35 (7) September 1953, 277—324. Illus. Map.

The statistical information is arranged by region, county and city or town, and covers borrowers, circulation, finance and staff. Alphabetical lists are given of Association, Endowed and Public

(tax-supported) libraries. Other information given includes A.L.A. Standards, tax rates for libraries, regional library service and bookmobile service in Illinois, and contract service.

G.P.S.

3219 Kentucky bookmobiles

Mary C. Bingham

Lib. J., 78 (16) September 1953, 1470-1473.

From very poor beginnings a rural library service is being organized in Kentucky. People are served by bookmobiles, the funds and books for which have mainly been subscribed by public spirited people; the library rate is only 25 cents per head. It is planned to cover the state by 100 vans. This project, with its headquarters at Louisville, has a propaganda film illustrating the services a bookmobile can give which it shows at organized meetings in order to raise interest and money. In Bell County, where a van has been in operation for two years, the reading abilities of the children have improved by 60%.

J.L.G.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES : POLICY AND PRACTICE

(See also Abstracts Nos. 3348—3349)

3220 A rural library [Sevensma Prize essay 1950]

Olga S. Newman

Libri, 4 (1) 1953, 26—60.

County library provision in England: (i) Basic standards: bookstock, staff (with division of labour), accessibility. (ii) County service: provision at branches (including fiction, children's books, reference books, newspapers and periodicals), shelving, full and part-time staff, hours of duty, entrances, part-time premises and accommodation, display fittings, mobile libraries for isolated population and for village population, design of van and fittings, proportion of bookstock, route planning and van schedules, staffing and drivers, work with children and young people, co-operation with schools, changing stock, records, grammar and secondary modern schools, work with youth clubs, reference work, quick reference collections, occupational and local collections, periodicals, headquarters collection, liaison with urban systems, communications, bulk dispatches, delivery vans. (iii) Application of above factors to an imaginary county system: division of labour, routine work, (exchanges, registration of readers, reservation of books, stocktaking, correspondence, mobile library work, time sheets and mobile library schedule), headquarters work; book selection, cataloguing, circulation, requests and reference work, special collections, administration. (iv) Future developments: mechanical aids, balance of control, regionalisation, county committees and district sub-committees.

J.C.S.

3221 New Library at Island Bay

J. P. Sage

N.Z. Libs., 16 (5) June 1953, 108—110. Illus., plan.

The ninth branch library to be opened by Wellington City Council, it serves a population of 8,000 with a stock of 1,500 free standard fiction, 700 rental books, 1,100 free non-fiction and 2,000 free junior books with room for a stock of 7,000. With an area of 1,575 square feet, the cost excluding site was £7,835.

G.P.S.

3222 The History of Public Library Standards: a brief summary prepared for the Workshop on Public Library Standards

Ralph Blasingame

News Notes of Calif. Libs., 48 (3) July 1953, 368—371.

In 1916 the A.L.A. appointed a committee to study "The standardization of libraries and certification of librarians." The committee concentrated on the certification of personnel and proposed graded services. In 1921 appeared a code of standards for branch libraries, and in 1925 several statements on the standardization of library services were published. In 1933 the Council of the A.L.A. adopted its *Standards for Public Libraries*. The National Resources Planning Board (1940—42) carried things a stage further, and the *Post-War Standards for Public Libraries* (1943), the most detailed statement, appeared. In 1948 *A National Plan for Public Library Service* was issued and other detailed schemes for Maryland, New York, and the Pacific North West have since been published.

J.M.B.

3223 Proposed Public Library Service Standards for California

News Notes of Calif. Libs., 48 (3) July 1953, 376—386.

The California Public Library Standards Workshop held a Conference in Sacramento in March-April 1953, and Los Angeles in May 1953, to discuss the points in providing a good public library service in the state. The growth has been of independent local units, and the conception now should be of systems. The most frequently used materials should be directly available to the user; less used materials and processing at a second level; and rarely used and specialized materials at the state level. The subjects considered are divided into standards of library systems, library units, personnel, materials; standards for organization and the physical handling of materials for use; and buildings and equipment. There is a note on the uses and revisions of standards, and a table for translating such standards of basic service into 1953 costs.

J.M.B.

3224 The Library's allies

Theodore Waller

Lib. J., 78 (17) October 1953, 1597—1601.

Potential collaborators with the public library are said to be: (i) the book world (publishers, etc.); (ii) the media of communication (radio, etc.); (iii) the public interest organizations. These groups can be mobilized into aiding the public library either by being library trustees and thus being responsible for library policy, or by making the library indispensable to them as organizations, or by obtaining free advertising space in radio or newsprint from them, or through such book-centered organizations as the A.L.A. The product of such an organization as the latter in conjunction with the Committee on reading development of the Book Publishers' Council has been the volume *The Wonderful world of books* which deals with book publishing, reading and writing. Another project of these organizations has been the Festival of Books week. These allies are needed to combat the present wave of censorship in the U.S.A. This censorship is analysed and said to be of two kinds: political and moral.

J.L.G.

3225 The Future of the small public library

Chase Dane

Ontario Lib. Rev., 37 (4) November 1953, 230—232.

Reviews the importance of the study of the humanities in the past and shows that without education there would have been little excuse for the existence of libraries. Today there is a decline in the importance of the humanities which is replaced by the growth in importance of the sciences. More and more subdivision is noticeable; more scientific journals appear; and the need for bibliographic control becomes urgent. The small library can discard its old science books since there will be more emphasis on the newest books; non-fiction will largely replace fiction, so book stocks will be smaller. This in turn will mean lower circulation figures but more reference work and more intensive reading.

W.

3226 Talking about books

Florence S. Craig

Lib. J., 78 (17) October 1953, 1601—1608.

The book review as a method of interesting people in reading is discussed. It is suggested that the librarian should give oral reviews and lead book discussions not only in the library but also to outside clubs and groups. Techniques and manner of non-librarian professional reviewers are studied. When more than one book is reviewed it is preferable to hand out a list containing author and title of books mentioned.

J.L.G.

3227 The Public Library's function and the fiction question

Robert F. Ashby

Lib. Rev., (107) Autumn 1953, 142—147.

A public library is the community's expression of its corporate requirements in books, and so should supply the books its readers want. Any book should be available, including light fiction, unless it is repugnant to the community as a whole. Librarians should not be arbiters of public taste. Their first function is to provide books, with regard to the readers' capabilities, and not to educate the public to the required standards.

E.J.

3228 Is light fiction really such a menace?

William Lowndes

Librarian, 42 (7) July 1953, 141—142.

Fiction standards are relative to the standards of literary appreciation of the reader, who may not be sufficiently educated to appreciate higher, more desirable standards. Fiction should be provided for all levels in a rate-supported library, though a line has to be drawn above subliterate—paper-backed shockers, comic strips etc.

G.P.S.

3229 Non-fiction book lists: report on work done by NLS

W. J. McEldowney

N.Z. Libs., 16 (5) June 1953, 97—103.

In April, 1952, the National Library Service issued an experimental list of popular non-fiction, suitable for purchase for their own stocks by "A" libraries served by the County Library Service. The lists are now issued monthly and are addressed to libraries serving populations of 1,000—10,000. They contain an annotated list of titles recommended, some starred for purchase by libraries serving over 5,000 population, and since December, 1952, a list of rejected titles. The Order section of the National Library Service makes the initial selection, the books then being passed to members of the staff for review. The working of the selection committee is described and a statistical analysis arranged by Dewey of books so far recommended is given. To study the success of the selection, titles are listed, number of months in stock and issues are given for the libraries of Dannevirke and Upper Hutt, from which it is concluded that the lists are fairly successful as far as they go. List No. 9 of October, 1952 is given.

G.P.S.

3230 Public Libraries and Industry

D. J. Urquhart

Manch. Rev., 6 Autumn 1953, 468—472.

Few firms have many technical books or periodicals or know where to get them. If public libraries are able to persuade firms to obtain and use corporate borrowing facilities, firms will have to create some internal machinery; this may provide the channels of communication within the firm and between the firm and the outside world which are now missing in many cases. A library service for industry should consider the smaller firms; these have not full-time or even part-time librarians, and their collections of literature are maintained by somebody as a spare time job. The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research maintains 14 Research Stations and supports 40 Research Associations. Each Research Association has an information service. There are still firms who could benefit from these Research Associations and who are not yet members.

D.R.

3231 Reference service for Middletown

K. C. Harrison

Librarian, 42 (7) July 1953, 129—131.

An attempt to formulate standards for the reference library in a town of 50,000 to 100,000 inhabitants. An adequate staff of at least two, one a chartered librarian, should maintain a constant counter service and be responsible for all interloan work and readers' requests, having for this work a full general bibliographical section. Book selection by the reference librarian will not be arbitrarily confined by a limited apportionment of the book fund, but will be co-ordinated with other departments. Local conditions will often decide what is a reference book. Pamphlet and other fugitive material must not be overlooked either for the local collection or for the general collection. The limits of the local collection must be defined.

G.P.S.

3232 Design or accident? A modern public library problem

Jack Dove

Librarian, 42 (8) August 1953, 149—150.

Open access and the abolition of the wicket gate brought in a new problem—stealing. Regulations for deposit of bags before entry and restricting entry to ticket holders do not give any real answer. When a case is taken to court, difficulty is found in proving intent to steal, especially for small numbers of books. Although the author does not approve of the employment of plain clothes detectives in British libraries, he quotes an extract from the report *The Power of Print* published by Newark P.L., U.S.A., describing the activities of their special investigator.

G.P.S.

3233 [Union catalogue of the Linz Public Libraries]

Maria Pichler

B. u. B., 4 (9) 1953, 274—276.

The public libraries of Linz (Austria), a system consisting of central library and five branches, have recently published a union catalogue of 8,000 titles (the total bookstock is 28,000 vols.). The catalogue is divided into children's books (for children up to age 14; this part is also issued separately), belles lettres including fiction, and non-fiction. Each part is classified, except fiction which is arranged alphabetically by author. For non-fiction there are also subject index and a name index including authors, editors and biographees.

W.L.B.

3234 Rationalisering genom arbetsundersökning

[Rationalisation through work measurement]

S. Möhlenbrock

Biblioteksbladet, 38 (10) 1953, 490—500.

Rising costs in Swedish public libraries have suggested that methods in use be examined by means of work measurement and job analysis. Such studies have been made at Stockholm City Library in 1940, resulting in a revised staff organization and a reduction in the number of professional staff and the creation of more non-professional positions, and at Norrköping City Library, where improved methods of cataloguing and accessioning have been introduced. The Swedish Library Association has published a list of professional and non-professional duties, while a standardization of technical processes is being undertaken by Bibliotekstjänst (See Abstract No. 2919).

W.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

3235 Centralskolerne og sognebibliotekerne

[The central schools and the parish libraries]

Sven Plovgaard

Bogens Verden, 35 (6) 1953, 293—299.

Parish libraries in Denmark are closely connected with schools in rural communities. New school buildings nearly always include rooms for the library. New School Act provides considerable state aid for building of libraries in schools constructed under the law. Every design for school containing library must be approved by the state library inspectorate. The advantage of this system is especially better and more suitable library localities, hence bigger state aid. This development also leads to centralization of libraries, fewer small independent libraries, more larger ones with branches.

L.L.

3236 Le Biblioteche di Classe delle Scuole Elementari di Milano

[The Class Libraries of the Milan Elementary Schools]

Giovanni Bellini

Parola, 36 (7-8) July-August 1953, 225—228.

Traces the history of these libraries from 1900 to the time when, shortly after World War I, the City Library was responsible for 855 nucleus libraries, comprising in all 27,750 books. In 1924 the scheme was extended to areas newly included in the city, the more outlying schools being provided with larger stocks. World War II put a temporary end to the scheme, but two years ago the City Council was able to raise its grant from 2m. to 4 and 5m. lire. Last November 1,674 libraries, comprising in all 31,400 volumes, were distributed and the target for 1954 is 50—60,000. Estimates for 1953 contain 7m. lire for purchase and binding of new books. The aim is to provide a stock for each class slightly in excess of the number of pupils and a range of books suited to various levels of intelligence. No book is to be provided for more than one class, so that each year the pupil has a new choice and will feel that he has progressed. A questionnaire is being drawn up on reactions to the books and one circulated last year showed that, among others, *Pinocchio*, *Peter Pan*, *Robinson Crusoe*, *Little Men*, *Little Lord Fauntleroy* and *The Silver Skates* were high in popularity.

F.S.S.

3237 Government school libraries in Natal

H. M. Hurley

S. Afr. Bib., 21 (1) July 1953, 26—28. Photos.

An account of the development of libraries in secondary and primary schools in Natal giving details of the buildings and rooms, their furnishings, income and staff. The importance of school libraries is thus being recognized.

J.T.

3238 The school library and the gifted child

Lynn White, Jr.

Lib. J., 78 (16) September 1953, 1480—1483.

In order that talented children, for whom no provision is made in the school curriculum, may develop, good and lively high school libraries are advocated. It is suggested that these children be stimulated to efforts beyond their routine by using the library facilities. Students of smaller colleges are achieving much by being allowed to study in open stacks and by the aid of the reference staffs of these libraries. Few undergraduates of large universities can gain admission to the stacks of their libraries and consequently lose the value of a personal contact with books.

J.L.G.

WORK WITH CHILDREN

3239 Library Service to children

N.Z. Libs., 17 (6) July-August 1953, 130—133.

A report on the service to children offered by public libraries, prepared by the Committee of the Children's and Young People's section for discussion at the Auckland conference. New Zealand has 300 rating areas, 104 provide library service, and of 52 answering the questionnaire 15 do not provide children's service, and it is probable that less than half provide such a service. Only a few extend free borrowing facilities to secondary pupils who live outside the rating area. Of 300,121 children of 3—15 years, 62,639 are library borrowers. Local authorities spent £11,861 in 1951—52 on children's services compared with a Government grant of £42,000. A table is given showing the children's and school service offered by 36 authorities—amounts spent, borrowers, free or subscription service and service outside rating area.

G.P.S.

3240 Priority for the readers of tomorrow

G. W. J. Wheatley

Asst. Lib., 45 (9) November 1953, 137—138.

A decline in children's reading leads to a consideration of the positive factors involved: (i) parental influence; (ii) the teacher and the school, besides teaching the mechanics of reading can provide a stimulus to further reading; (iii) the public library can ensure that the desire for reading does not grow stale. All three factors operate under some limitations. In public libraries, children are given second place in stock, staff and space, but it is believed that in new branch libraries priority should be given to children's work. Co-operation with teachers is essential, particularly in the selection of books and in encouraging children to use libraries.

E.P.D.

3241 Books for disturbed children

Margaret M. May

Lib. J., 78 (18) October 1953, 1809—1812.

The work of a library established for children held in detention by a Juvenile court is surveyed. All types of children, from the ages of 5 to 17 use the library to read books or magazines, to listen to the gramophone or to hear stories read to them. Books are loaned by the local public library and those borrowed are mainly of a popular nature with fiction preponderating.

J.L.G.

3242 The Librarian meets the unexpected

Marceil Saller

Illinois Libs., 35 (8) October 1953, 338—342.

An account of library work in the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Childrens' School, Bloomington. Nowadays, children enter the school through the courts, when for one reason or another it is considered better for the child to be removed from his home. The children are emotionally unstable and often educationally backward. The library, in a large attractive room, has a stock of 5,000. Each group of children has two forty-minute periods a week in the library. No reading is done in this time but the children work at using the catalogue, answering questions from the catalogue, helping with charging and discharging and stocktaking. Some individual experiences are recounted.

G.P.S.

LIBRARY EXTENSION SERVICES : SPECIAL RELATIONS

3243 Adult education : as it looks now

Helen L. Allison

Illinois Libs., 35 (8) October 1953, 331—333.

Many millions are learning in educational programmes of voluntary organizations of all kinds. The public schools are playing an increasingly important part in adult education ; 1948, 3m. adults attended public school programmes ; 1952 5m. They present the public school with a problem—to provide a different and more vital kind of education. The problems and opportunities facing adult education are discussed.

G.P.S.

LIBRARY ARCHITECTURE : PLANS, FURNITURE, LIGHTING

3244 Looking backward and forward in library planning

Angus Snead MacDonald

S. Afr. Bib., 21 (1) July 1953, 3—7.

Compares the pre-war and post-war trends in library architecture and emphasizes the need for central, attractive buildings, capable of expansion to meet the demands of a rapidly developing service. In pre-war years the efficiency of the building was often ranked second to size and dignity. The question of expansion can be answered by constructing a library too large for present purposes and part of the building is leased out. The additional income can be used to improve the existing service. Examples given are Toronto,

Vancouver, Leyton and the John Crerar Library in Chicago. New York Public Library is quoted as an example of the pre-war type of building.

J.T.

3245 Nye biblioteker i Tyskland

[New library buildings in Germany]

Bogens Verden 35 (6) 1953, 314—318. Illus.

Several German cities have recently spent large amounts on new libraries. Special mention is made of the library in Offenbach am Main, a city that was 60% destroyed during the war. The library has been constructed in an old palace where only the walls were left standing. It has three galleries in the circulation room, practical, functional furniture and good catalogues. There is also room for an open air theatre and concert-hall. Special mention is also made of the new Berlin Central Library, a gift from the Americans, and now under construction equipped with many kinds of audio-visual services.

L.L.

3246 Extension to the Mitchell Library, Glasgow

C. W. Black and J. Kernohan

Lib. Assn. Rec., 55 (9) September 1953, 282—283.

Opened in April 1953, the extension incorporates on the ground floor, map and chart room, accessions room, periodicals store and office accommodation; on the mezzanine floor, administration offices, photostat, book-storage and staff rooms. Mobile steel bookcases, height 7-ft., are used in the stack room. Floors are of oak block and of granolithic in the stack room; furniture and fittings of mahogany. The cost so far is £100,000, with the basement and four upper floors yet to be completed.

J.G.

3247 As Others See Us: Manchester Central Library—an Architect's View

Manch. Rev., 6 Autumn 1953, 477.

An extract from Arnold Whittick, *European Architecture in the Twentieth Century*, v.2. Crosby Lockwood, 42/-.

D.R.

3248 Branch library buildings in Johannesburg

P. M. Speight

S. Afr. Bib., 21 (1) July 1953, 12—14. Photo. Plan.

A detailed description of two branch libraries built since 1940. One is approximately 58-ft. by 25-ft. and the other slightly smaller with a 15-ft. 3-ins. by 9-ft. recess for children's books. The buildings

are single storied and internal decorations are light in tone. The issue counter has been planned for ease of working; office and staff accommodation are ample. Each branch can carry about 6,000 volumes. Non-fiction is provided from a central pool. Each branch has a card catalogue, but, experimentally, no cards are provided for children's books. Rhodes Park branch cost £8,138 in 1946-47 and Brixton cost £7,200 in 1948-49.

J.T.

LIBRARY MATERIALS: AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, MAPS, PERIODICALS (SERIALS)

(See also Abstract No. 3146)

3249 Bibliotekernes gramfonproblemer

[Record problems in libraries]

Erling Winkel

Bogens Verden 35 (6) 1953, 318-321.

Libraries should not be for books only. It is important to develop the culture of music. There should be large gramophone record collections, gramophones, etc. The author suggests the formation of a "record museum" with records of living musicians and composers and that the record library can be created and developed on the same system as used for book-libraries. He advises against open shelves in the record library, but says that thorough cataloguing is necessary and technical training of the staff would be helpful.

L.L.

3250 Sight and sound in the world of books

Raynard C. Swank

Lib. J., 78 (16) September 1953, 1459-1464.

The irrational prejudices against audio-visual materials are outlined and discredited. It is suggested that instead of the printed word and the film, filmstrip, record, etc., being thought of as in competition, they should be inter-related for the common good. Examples of the value of audio-visual material to the book are given in pure literature, sociology, religion and philosophy. A library therefore needs to have its audio-visual stock on the same premises as its bookstock in order that the relation between them should be noticeable and the proximity of value.

J.L.G.

3251 Das museale Moment in der Erwerbung

[The 'collecting' factor in acquisitions]

G. Hofmann

Nach. f. wissen. Bib., 6 (5) August 1953, 188-194.

Expenditure of library funds on manuscripts and similar items which are collectors' pieces rather than working tools is not always

easy to justify, especially when, for instance, the library receives a subsidy from an outside body to build up its stock of scientific periodicals and monographs. The great libraries of Europe no longer buy rare items on the same scale as previously, yet American libraries are in a position to collect such material on a wide scale. The need to collect rare items on the purely practical grounds of making them available for research is lessened now that adequate photographic reproductions can be obtained. At least one state library in western Germany should carry on the German library tradition of collecting good original items.

K.G.

3252 Selected Periodicals on Psychoanalysis and Related Medical Fields for the General Medical Library

Compiled by the Psychoanalytic Collections Conference, New York Bull. Med. Lib. Assn., 41 (3) July 1953, 198—207.

An alphabetical list of 37 titles with particulars of sponsoring body, audience addressed, special or general subject fields covered and aspects emphasized, presence of proceedings of organizations other than the sponsor, type of index, types of contents (*i.e.* whether original articles, reviews, abstracts, etc.), extent to which covered by indexing and abstracting organs. It is estimated that the periodical literature of psychiatry, medical psychology, psychoanalysis, and neurology forms about 15 per cent of the total number of medical journals.

W.J.B.

3253 Organization of Serials and Documents

Violet Abbott Cabeen and C. Donald Cook

Lib. Trends, 2 (2) October 1953, 199—216. Bibliog.

There is a movement to establish central serial records in libraries, particularly in the U.S.A. Form of entry is discussed as well as the merits of visible and non-visible equipment. Since the war two groups of documents which have increased in importance are technical research reports and reports concerning work of international governmental organizations. In this connection the documentation of U.N. publications is described. Union lists of periodicals are increasing in number. The general documentation of government publications is criticised on the grounds of form and extent. The extension of co-operative movements for the exchange of serials is noted. Trends in microreproduction are surveyed and the reasons for it are summarized. The need for more co-ordination, as distinct from co-operation, in this sphere is stressed.

G.H.

CATALOGUING, CLASSIFICATION, INDEXING, ABSTRACTING

(See also Abstracts Nos. 3147, 3150)

3254 Development of Cataloging Rules

Seymour Lubetzky

Lib. Trends, 2 (2) October 1953, 179—186. Bibliog.

The multiplication of books and publications in other forms has had a direct effect upon the proliferation of cataloguing rules. Some critics contend that the *A.L.A. cataloging rules for author and title entries* continued this state of affairs and that they should have been constructed after an analysis of the function and principles of cataloguing. The trend is to prepare a code which will be better suited to meet the modern needs of cataloguers, and the author's work, *Cataloging rules and principles* issued by the Library of Congress in 1953, provides a basis for revision.

G.H.

3255 Ueber den neuen Berliner Katalogisierungsentwurf

[On the new Berlin cataloguing rules]

Walter Kraal

Z. f. B., 66 (11-12) November-December 1952, 411—418.

Two editions are planned, one in abbreviated form for smaller libraries with little non-German stock, and a fuller one for larger libraries. The first 25 paragraphs of the latter have recently been published in draft form. The so-called Prussian instructions have for long been considered antiquated in many ways and an obstacle to the convenient use of libraries. On the other hand, reforms must not be so far-reaching as to make continuity of catalogues impossible. The basis for the provisional Berlin code is a code published in 1951 on behalf of the Library Association of North-Rhine Westphalia, which in turn was guided by proposals formulated during the war-years and after. There are some differences between the two and comments are invited.

H.R.K.

3256 Treatment of Nonbook Materials

Evelyn Hensel

Lib. Trends, 2 (2) October 1953, 187—198. Bibliog.

Concerned mainly with American developments the article covers archives, manuscripts, and audio visual materials, which include maps, pictures, gramophone records and films. The author excludes microreproductions on the grounds that, allowing for slight differences in physical form, the rules for cataloguing books can be used.

G.H.

3257 Norme per la compilazione del catalogo dei Manoscritti Musicali

[Rules for the compiling of catalogues of music mss.]

Accad. e Bibl. d'Italia, 21 (2-3-4) March-August, 1953, 279—280

The text is given of the new rules approved by the Ministry for the bibliographical description of music MSS. These rules are supplementary to those issued in 1941 for the general cataloguing of MSS.

M.M.

3258 Developments in Subject Cataloging

Carlyle J. Frarey

Lib. Trends, 2 (2) October 1953, 217—235. Table. Bibliogs.

The principles of subject cataloguing should be similar in structure, but not in detail, to the principles of descriptive cataloguing; but these are dependent upon the purpose of the subject catalogue and there is not wide concurrence on this point. There are two schools of thought—one asserting the dependence of the alphabetic subject catalogue on classification; the other, that problems arise through failure to distinguish between indexing and classifying. There is a need to recognize different levels of subject control, with the bibliography, the subject catalogue and the subject index serving different purposes. Special lists of subject headings, and machine techniques in subject analysis are by-products of the war. Machine techniques call for careful terminology and form of subject heading used. There is a need for more special subject heading schemes for different kinds of libraries. The A.L.A. Division of Cataloging and Classification is preparing to study the problem of integrating general and special subject heading lists.

G.H.

3259 Subject headings and their use

Vivian Prince

Florida Libs., 4 (1) June 1953, 9 and 13. Refs.

A catalogue consists of one-fifth main entries, two-fifths added entries and two-fifths subject entries. Different ways of reducing the size of the last section are discussed: (i) abolish it and use subject bibliographies; (ii) replace by a subject index (this only leads to confusion because the reader does not know what aspect of a subject is represented by a given class number); (iii) give no subject entries for obsolete works; (iv) do not list research material under the popular aspect of the subject. The size of the catalogue causes readers and staff much difficulty in use. Considers a return to the divided catalogues in use before 1895, *i.e.* author-title, and subject catalogues, but thinks that this would not ease the problem and might add to the bulk because of certain duplication of entries

that would be needed. Suggests that librarians should work out terminology for new subjects and new concepts for use as subject headings.

W.

3260 Rules for subject headings, periodicals subject index, Royal Institute of British Architects library

A. Thompson

J. of Doc., 9 (3) September 1953, 169—174.

The rules were evolved over a period of three years when the index was being overhauled, and are published to evoke comment and constructive criticism. Subjects are analysed according to the following six elements and the subject heading is composed in the order given: (i) realization (*i.e.* the thing created), (ii) material, (iii) processes and problems, (iv) place, (v) time (period), (vi) form.

D.M.

3261 Costs of Cataloging

Felix Reichmann

Lib. Trends, 2 (2) October 1953, 290—317. Table. Bibliog.

The author surveys the many attempts which have been made, mainly in America, to investigate costs, and because of their shortcomings he has contributed a study of his own. Instead of working in terms of unit cost which (he says) does not do full justice to individual cases, his focus is the time factor. A significant decrease in costs can only be achieved by a change in policy, especially with regard to subject approach (in the form of multiple subject headings and close classification).

G.H.

3262 Catalog Maintenance

Andrew D. Osborn and Susan M. Haskins

Lib. Trends, 2 (2) October 1953, 279—289. Bibliog.

Simplifications in filing are called for, and letter-by-letter filing (which is infrequently used in American libraries) is suggested because it should require practically no revision. At Harvard College Library recent innovations include: spelling out the modified vowel when it affects the filing medium; using a strictly alphabetical system for forenames with titles or epithets; filing as words combinations of initials like FIAT or Unesco. The new plan for numerals is to file in terms of a base number which is interpreted as a word, followed when necessary by figures. Decisions reached in the Harvard Library regarding revision of filing are given. Finally, methods are suggested for improving the catalogue in terms of replacing broken guide cards and worn catalogue cards, revision of entries and overhauling subject entries.

G.H.

3263 Cataloging in the small public library : a survey made by the SELA Committee on Cataloging and Classification

Clyde Pettus

Southeastern Librarian, 3 (2) Summer 1953, 51—59.

As a first step to establishing cataloguing standards a questionnaire was sent to 351 libraries in the 9 South-eastern states. Most of the questions aimed at finding out whether known cataloguing time-savers were used. 151 (43%) replies were received, and are treated under the following heads:—Catalogue and shelf-list maintained; branches and branch library catalogues; accession and copy numbers; printed and other centrally supplied cards; amount of search for the author's name; simplification of details on cards; limitation of added entry cards; classification system and subject heading list; author numbers; organization of the pamphlet collection.

J.M.B.

3264 Organization and Administration of Cataloging Processes

Arnold H. Trotier

Lib. Trends, 2 (2) October 1953, 264—278. Bibliog.

More libraries in America are accepting the idea of subject division of work for cataloguing departments, as it enables more subject specialization to be achieved. Special units for serials are usual within the department, and may be set up for pamphlets and rare books or manuscripts. The need for economy has suggested cutting down revision of work, particularly that done by experienced cataloguers. There is still in many cataloguing departments no sharp division into professional and clerical processes. Complete periodic stock-takings are decreasing particularly in large libraries on the grounds of expense. A recent development is the grouping of all services in two divisions—technical services and readers' services. The problems of centralized cataloguing as well as the storage library are considered.

G.H.

3265 Co-operative Cataloguing

A. H. Chaplin

Lib. Assn. Rec., 55 (9) September 1953, 275—278.

Central and co-operative cataloguing are two processes which supplement each other. For any scheme of co-operative cataloguing, participating libraries must accept uniformities in cataloguing practice, at least with regard to the main principles. A saving of up to 80 and 90% can be made on cataloguing costs according to the number of libraries participating in the service. Co-operation

would be useful in the analytical cataloguing of serials, especially in the humanities where there are fewer abstracting services in existence, and with a similar reduction in costs.

J.G.

3266 Co-operation and Centralization

Lucile M. Morsch

Lib. Trends, 2 (2) October 1953, 342—355. Bibliog.

The subject is limited to cataloguing undertaken to serve the needs of several libraries as distinct from centralization within a single library system. The H. W. Wilson Company and the Library of Congress are examples. A high degree of uniformity on the part of participating libraries is called for. The author's review includes the U.S.A., Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Russia, China, Japan, England, and Brazil. The most urgent problem in the U.S.A. is how to increase the coverage of the Library of Congress, as some libraries are not able to obtain printed cards for 60% of their acquisitions at the time they catalogue them.

G.H.

3267 Substitutes for the Card Catalog

C. D. Gull

Lib. Trends, 2 (2) October 1953, 318—329. Tables. Bibliog.

These are reviewed, as follows:—bound printed catalogues, and loose-leaf manuscript and printed catalogues; punched cards; continuous strips, i.e. microfilm, magnetic tape and wire, and magnetic discs. A table is given to show the merits and failings of these alternatives. The author is aware of no instance in recent years in which a card catalogue has been superseded by one of these.

G.H.

3268 Making a Catalogue with a Camera

Walter F. Broome

Lib. Assn. Rec., 55 (10) October 1953, 316—317.

Slips of paper, bearing accession number, class number, pagination and date were placed on the title-pages of books and these photographed at approximately 200 an hour. The resulting negative could be read on a micro-film reader and catalogue cards prepared at leisure. A collection of uncatalogued and partly unaccessioned books in the Evangelical Library, London, was also dealt with photographically. Class numbers were written on the recto of the title-pages, and these were photographed at a reduction of 15 to 1, bearing a slip with the accession number. This accession number was then written on the verso of the title-page. The 15 to 1 reduction is enlarged to provide a 5 by 3 card carrying a reproduction of the title-page. The cost of producing a catalogue in this way is less than the traditional method.

J.G.

3269 Die Mikrophotographie im Dienste der Katalogisierung
[Microphotography instead of cataloguing]

Lisabeth Polly-Bassitta

Z. f. B., **66** (11—12) November-December 1952, 418—423.

Microphotography as a means of cataloguing books quickly with a minimum of staff has been employed by several Berlin libraries. Title-pages are taken on microfilm, at a reduction of about 1:80, so that one gets 3,000 shots on a roll of film 50 meters in length. Copies are then made the size of catalogue-cards, the cataloguer having only to add headings and pagination. At the Pädagogische Zentralbibliothek, Berlin, an average of 1,200 title-pages are photographed per day, and the work of cataloguing is performed five times as quickly as under the old method. The cost of cataloguing was found to be the same as before in spite of the relatively higher price of the process and material, owing to the saving in working-hours. Its value was greatest for those libraries that had lost their catalogues during the war, or so much of their stock, that they had to start a fresh catalogue.

H.R.K.

3270 Classification

Bernard I. Palmer

Lib. Trends, **2** (2) October 1953, 236—248. Bibliog.

Considers the fundamentals of classification in relation to three levels of use—as an assembler of material on shelves or in vertical files; as a basis for systematic organization of knowledge in catalogues and bibliographies; as a discipline in reference service. If a scheme is to be something more than an assembler of material, it must be of a very advanced type. This leads the author away from D.C. and U.D.C., via Bliss and L. of C. to Colon, to which he gives considerable attention. The quality of *faceting* (a classification built upon the principle of separate facets bound together in a pre-determined manner)—of which the Colon is an example—is discussed, along with the introduction of coding devices for the use of punched card and related machinery.

G.H.

3271 Optional Facets (15): Portion, Constituent, Organ

S. R. Ranganathan

Abgila, **3** (1) March 1953, 1—6.

(See Abstracts Nos. 2839—2841). Pursuing his study of the fundamentals of classification, Ranganathan here considers the various types of “part” which a “whole personality” can have, and distinguishes between portions, constituents and organs. He discusses the notational representation of such facets.

B.C.V.

3272 Optional Facets (16): Diffuse Treatment of Systems and Specials

S. Parthasarathy

Abgila, 3 (3) March 1953, 7—10.

With particular reference to Physics, the author discusses the classification of systems of thought (*e.g.* relativity theory) and special aspects (*e.g.* low temperature physics), in the Colon Classification.

B.C.V.

3273 Optional Facets (17): Classification of Chemistry

B. C. Vickery

Abgila, 3 (1) March 1953, 11—24.

This study offers the outline of a new classification of chemistry (excluding the systematic naming of substances) within the framework of the Colon Classification. Chemistry is defined as "the properties of atoms, radicals, ions, molecules and molecular systems, and their interactions with one another". Five facets are suggested: (i) Substance, with a second-level facet covering states of matter; (ii) Property (taken from Physics schedules); (iii) Structure; (iv) Reaction; and (v) Operations. Chemical reactions are represented in the fourth facet by displaying the bonds formed and broken, and the manner in which this is effected. The new schedules are given, with examples of their use, and a number of unsolved problems is listed. The classification is not regarded as completed, but as an experimental proposal for the way in which the subject may be handled.

B.C.V.

3274 Optional Facets (18): System and Special in Agriculture

D. B. Krishna Rao

Abgila, 3 (1) March 1953, 25—27.

Krishna Rao has previously been responsible for expanding class J, Agriculture, in the Colon Classification. Here he discusses the treatment of Forestry and of special aspects such as Soilless farming.

B.C.V.

3275 The N.A.C.A. Classification System—a Case History

Eugene B. Jackson

Aslib Proc., 5 (3) August 1953, 215—234. Bibliog.

A history of the system of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Washington. The library classification proved useless for engineers, who devised a new method for classifying reports. This conflict has not yet been resolved. A list of relevant

N.A.C.A. publications is given, and the headings used in the main classes Aerodynamics, Hydrodynamics, Propulsion, Aircraft Loads and Construction, Materials, Meteorology, Operating Problems, Instruments, Research Equipment and Techniques, Nomenclature, Bibliographies and Indexes, Technical Summaries.

D.J.F.

3276 Critique of U.D.C. (12) : Form Division (09)

R. S. Saxena

Abgila, 3 (1) March 1953, 28—29.

A brief criticism of this class.

B.C.V.

3277 Dialectics of U.D.C. (3) and (4)

K. A. Isaac

Abgila, 3 (1) March 1953, 30—34, and 3 (2) June 1953, 72—73.

(See Abstract No. 2849). Continues the word-by-word criticism the U.D.C. Introduction.

B.C.V.

3278 Reclassification and Recataloging

Dale M. Bentz and Thera P. Cavender

Lib. Trends, 2 (2) October 1953, 249—263. Bibliog.

By reclassification is meant the complete change-over of a book collection from one scheme to another. It is noticeable in the case of American college and university libraries where a number are changing over from D.C. to L. of C. Reclassification usually implies recataloguing. Reasons for reclassification include the need for a broader, more up-to-date scheme and resulting economies in processing. Stocktaking is an important preliminary along with weeding out. It may also be necessary to make a detailed survey of the situation before beginning. The emphasis is on organization and administration, and attention should be given to the kind of equipment necessary and additional supplies needed.

G.H.

3279 Abstracts

J. C. Earl

Chem. and Ind., (15) 11 April 1953, 354—355.

The current index aspect of abstracts is more important than detailed contents but it must be possible to follow up the abstracts. This is related to library facilities and is linked with photostat and copyright law.

G.W.W.

3280 British Abstracts

Chem. and Ind., (42) 17 October 1953, 1124.

British Abstracts will not be published after the end of 1953. The Society of Chemical Industry will resume publication of abstracts on applied chemistry. These will appear monthly in *Journal of Applied Chemistry*, *Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture* or in *Annual Reports on the Progress of Applied Chemistry*.

G.W.W.

DOCUMENTATION : GENERAL

(See also Abstract No. 3156)

3281 Le problème de la documentation

[The problem of documentation]

C. Frachebourg

Nach. d. Vereinigung Schweizer Bib., 29 (4) July-August 1953, 133-135.

The writer outlines the present situation as between librarianship and documentation, the one demanding a general professional training, the other a specialist (whether chemist, electrician, etc.). This specialization is carried further in the more highly industrialized countries, and then the work is part of the industrial organization rather than library work. In practice those who fill these posts are usually 50% specialists and 50% librarians, future development depends on circumstances.

M.B.

3282 Bibliographical style manuals : a guide to their use in documentation and research

Mary R. Kinney

A.C.R.L. Monographs No. 8, June 1953. 21p.

Style manuals or handbooks of research are of four types : (i) guides for students prepared by college, university or professors, (ii) manuals to aid authors in preparation of mss. for publication prepared by university presses, publishing houses, government agencies, (iii) directions or guides for authors preparing papers issued by professional and learned societies, (iv) guides prepared by individuals in the interest of scholarly writing. This bibliography indicates what to consult in determining the bibliographic style recommended for literature citation or where to find the standard form of reference used in a specific subject field, or a key to abbreviations used. Subject fields included are humanities, social sciences, sciences, bibliography and library science. Trends noted are : uniformity in citation ; co-operative projects, especially in international work such as ISO/TC46.

W.

3283 The Organization and Use of Information in Industry

G. Gilfillan

Aslib Proc., 5 (3) August 1953, 189—202.

A study performed by the Department of Production Engineering at Birmingham University has shown how management acquires and uses information. Information is needed on the views and opinions of consumers, shareholders, suppliers and employees, on public opinion, legislation and the results of scientific and technical research. It is provided by financial, commercial and labour organizations, research associations, government publications and the national and technical press. Many specialist organizations and some guides to their activities are indicated. Two examples show how they are used to answer technical enquiries. Methods of locating published material are dealt with and the functions of the information officer considered.

J.S.R.

3284 Service de Documentation et d'Information Technique

G. Frenot

Aslib Proc., 5 (3) August 1953, 209—214.

The S.D.I.T. was set up after the war to meet the urgent need in France for aeronautical information. Its main principles are: to satisfy every enquiry, to meet all types, from elementary to extremely complex, and to co-ordinate documentation in the scientific and technical fields. The many functions that develop from these principles are carried out by a Technical Information Bureau, a Patent Specification Section, a Library, a Summarizing Section which issues an annotated monthly bibliography, a Translation Section and a Document Reproduction Section. Several bulletins are issued to meet particular needs, and a document exchange system is working.

D.J.F.

3285 The Needs of a Sales Development Organisation

H. M. Bigford

Aslib Proc., 5 (3) August 1953, 181—182.

Summarized report of a paper dealing with the information needs of an organization concerned with finding new uses for aluminium and its alloys. Such sources of information as patents, abstract publications and research associations are mentioned.

J.S.R.

3286 The Information Needs of the Worker Engaged in Longer Term Research : The Viewpoint of the Chemist

H. T. S. Swallow

Aslib Proc., 5 (3) August 1953, 183—188.

Information not immediately applicable to an investigation may nevertheless yield useful background knowledge and confirmatory evidence or indicate fruitless lines of research. An example shows how the literature search for information of direct value is helped by analyzing the problem into suitable headings. These may show that pertinent information can be gleaned from the literature on related subjects. Old knowledge should not be neglected as it may take on renewed significance in the light of recent discoveries. A written report enhances the usefulness of the search. The catalogue, correspondence and report files should be organized by the information officer and all reports should follow a standard pattern. A system of journal circulation is described and the importance of preparing a weekly information and abstract bulletin is emphasized.

J.S.R.

3287 Society of Chemical Industry : First Report of the Documentation Committee

Chem. and Ind., (27) 4 July 1953, 657—658.

The Committee's object is to assess the value to chemical industry of international programmes dealing with documentation, particularly those of the National Science Division of UNESCO, and to make suggestions whereby the industrial chemist can make better use of documentation services. Errors in the 3rd edition of the *World List of Scientific Periodicals* were deplored. It is hoped to publish errata lists. *World Medical Periodicals* which will list 4,000 titles and indicate abstracting agencies covering them is to be published by a joint UNESCO and WHO Committee. An Advisory Committee for Documentation in the Natural Sciences is to be set up by UNESCO. National committees on abstracting have been set up. Committees on chemical and physical abstracting are discussed. Standardization of terminology should be dealt with solely by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. Until interlingual dictionaries based on UNESCO's recommendations are published, practical value of the recommendations cannot be assessed.

G.W.W.

3288 The Chemical Society. (a) *Current Chemical Papers*

Chem. and Ind., (43) 24 October 1953, 1149.

From January 1954 the Society is to issue a monthly classified world list of new papers in pure chemistry. Entries will give title, author and journal reference.

G.W.W.

3289 Glass in the Biblical Literature

Elrose R. Silverman and Alexander Silverman

J. of Chem. Educ., 30 (8) August 1953, 415-416.

A number of references to glass in the Bible are quoted.

G.W.W.

3290 International Medical Documentation and the World Health Organization

N. Howard-Jones

Bull. Med. Lib. Assn., 41 (3) July 1953, 191-197. Refs.

An introductory note on the history and constitution of WHO is followed by a short discussion of the meaning of the word "documentation." The documentation activities of WHO are directed to the facilitation of the international exchange of information and ideas in the subject fields related to the organization's major objective, which is "the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health." WHO documentation services are the responsibility of the Division of Editorial and Reference Services, which has a staff of 66 (23 editors, 11 translators, 18 library staff). The precise scope of WHO publications, the majority of which are produced in English and French, is indicated. The work of the full-time translators, each of whom has an average annual output of about half a million words, is described. The WHO Library contains 30,000 volumes and receives 1,500 current periodicals. It is primarily a public health library, but a comprehensive collection of general and special reference tools is maintained.

W.J.B.

3291 British Patent Specifications

Chem. and Ind., (22) 30 May 1953, 533.

Printing of subject indexes to British patent specifications is behind because of wartime difficulties. ASLIB are to make a 35mm. microfilm copy of the Patent Office's own pressmark index giving a 14-year cumulative list. Microfilm copies are available at £10.

G.W.W.

3292 The Literature of Radiobiology and Atomic Medicine

Melvin Morgan

Bull. Med. Lib. Assn., 41 (3) July 1953, 258-264. Bibliog.

A comprehensive review covering histories, large reference books, general and special bibliographies and indexes, annual reviews, yearbooks, abstracting journals, congresses, and theses. The wide dispersion of the literature necessitates the use of current abstracting and indexing periodicals in many subject fields. Useful recent books in radiobiology are listed in an appendix.

W.J.B.

DOCUMENTATION : DOCUMENTARY REPRODUCTION

3293 The Cost of Microfilm

H. R. V.

O. & M. Bull., 8 (5) October 1953, 34—39.

In this short review are discussed the various factors to be taken into consideration in assessing the cost of microfilming a quantity of documents. These are (i) type and size of document (ii) type of camera used and (iii) type of material. The Treasury O. & M. Division conducted a recent investigation and found that the saving of space by the use of microfilm does not approach the generally quoted figure of 90%. Examples are given of methods of storing microfilms, with measurements, and of cost, with figures. These calculations are given only as a rough guide to enable Departments to make a preliminary survey and costing. It is emphasized that the assessment of microfilm costs can only be made by a thorough examination of all the factors concerned which differ with each purpose for which the microfilm is required.

P.L.

3294 The Job so far

Robert Blackburn

Can. Lib. Assn. Bull., 10 (2) August 1953, ii—xvi.

The CLA Microfilm Project was made possible by a \$15,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation in 1947. 35 organizations have paid over \$4,000 for copying work done privately. 68 early Canadian newspaper files have been copied, and positives bought by 74 libraries (39 outside Canada.). It was hoped to sell five copies of each film but the Committee now charge the buyer one-third of the cost of making a copy. A small working balance has been formed. Many dailies are currently filmed by the publishers, although little has been done to film back issues. A start on this has now been made, revenue from sales providing capital to continue. A catalogue is given of films available and a union list of microfilm negatives of Canadian newspapers.

J.M.B.

3295 El microfilm en algunas bibliotecas médicas de Santiago

[The microfilm in some medical libraries of Santiago, Chile]

Carlos Cuitiño C.

Boletín bibliotecario, 1 (1) October 1953, 3—7. Illus.

The use of microfilms is not yet very widespread in Chile. Of 25 medical libraries in Santiago only three possess microfilm readers, and only one of these has any stock of microfilms. The cost of equipment is an obstacle to the wider use of microfilms, and the

possibility of producing a much cheaper, home-made reader is being examined. The sources of microfilms of medical literature available to Chilean libraries are listed.

K.G.

3296 Tidningarnas fotografering

[Photographing newspaper records]

Ruben Eriksson

Nord. Tid., 40 (1) 1953, 26—32.

Examines the report of a committee appointed by the Swedish government to study problems connected with the use of photography in archives and libraries for filming public records, newspapers etc. Considers that the committee has not allowed in its costing for the reduction in binding costs which, in the case of a newspaper, would exceed the price of a microfilm copy. Recommends that the old bound sets should be microfilmed by the Royal Library and the developing and copying of the film would be more economically done by a firm supplying the film.

W.

3297 Rapid selectors

H. R. Verry

O. & M. Bull., 8 (5) October 1953, 43—46. Illus.

A number of rapid selectors have been designed to meet the need for more machines for the organisation and dissemination of scientific data. These incorporate the use of microfilm both in roll and in sheet form. The advantages of The Rapid Selector, using microfilm in roll form, and the Filmorex, using microfilm in sheet form, are discussed. Another development, the Film "N" Sort combines the advantages of both punched card and microfilm media. The cost of these high-speed electronic selectors, considering their many advantages, is relatively small.

P.L.

3298 Micro-card and Micro-print

L. L. Ardern

Print. Rev., (63) Autumn 1953, 14. Illus.

A brief description of each process in terms of origin, use, storage, comparative costs and recent projects.

G.H.

3299 Colour response in document reproduction processes

H. R. Verry

O. & M. Bull., 8 (4) August 1953, 43—45.

Modern high-speed photographic emulsions must be developed in total darkness since they are highly sensitive to all colours. Their sensitivity range is also altered according to the type of light used.

The same applies to photo-copying processes. Experiments have shown that certain colours, particularly those produced by some dyes, are not entirely opaque and tend to differ in their response. A chart summarizes the colours which fail to reproduce adequately in six different processes.

W.

3300 Quantity reproduction by diazo paper

O. & M. Bull., 8 (5) October 1953, 24—25. Illus.

The use of cheap diazo paper as the final copy in document reproduction has considerably extended the economic limit of photo-copying processes. Three miniature rotary combine dyeline printers have been introduced into the diazo range of apparatus. These new machines are the Ozaminor, brought out by the Ozalid Company, the Azoflex Model F, an Ilford machine, and the Monex, introduced by Lawes Rabjohn. Designed for use by one operator, they are as yet in the experimental stage and are being tested under actual working conditions before full-scale production is started.

P.L.

3301 The Librarian and the Development of Machines

I. A. Warheit

Spec. Libs., 44 (7) September 1953, 272—273.

A criticism based on actual use of a facsimile, of the article *Facsimile for Federal Libraries* which appeared in *Special Libraries*, 44 (5) May-June 1953, 169—172. (See Abstract No. 3079).

M.B.

ARCHIVES

3302 How can the Archivist aid the Researcher?

Wyman W. Parker

Amer. Arch., 16 (3) July 1953, 233—240.

Various examples are given of ways in which the archivist can search out and collect materials of use to the student, can preserve, arrange and index them, can help the student to judge their authenticity, and disseminate information through catalogues and calendars, articles in the press, etc.

I.D.

3303 An Appeal for Archives in Institutions of Higher Learning

Henry J. Browne

Amer. Arch., 16 (3) July 1953, 213—226.

The archives of the institution are defined as the non-current papers of the administration and they are distinguished from the manuscripts and items of interest which should form part of the

library stock. The archives should form a service unit of the college or university and the provision of historical material to persons interested in the history of the institution or of its past members should be a secondary consideration.

I.D.

3304 Perspectives d'emploi du microfilm dans les dépôts d'archives

M. Baudot

Archivum, 2, 1952, 89—92.

Suggests the establishment of workshops for microfilming under the direction of archivists and having the sole right to photograph official and semi-official documents. This would help to obtain for photographed documents the legal recognition given to the originals as well as forming a source of income for the archive repository.

I.D.

3305 Let's look at manuscripts

Christopher Crittenden

Southeastern Librarian, 3 (2) Summer 1953, 41—46.

A discussion of the problems facing college and university libraries wishing to make manuscript collections. The scope of such a collection should first be decided and rigidly adhered to. Manuscripts can be acquired by publicising the scheme, through the press, radio, etc.; by personal approaches to prominent local individuals; through groups, and by following any leads which offer. Methods of cleaning, accessioning, arranging, housing and making available the documents must be settled. The respective merits of card catalogues, inventories and indexes should be considered. The use of the collection raises special problems. It is hoped that a union catalogue may be produced one day. Requests for long extracts and searches are to be handled tactfully. Copies in extenso of manuscripts should be permitted and copies supplied at cost.

J.M.B.

3306 Preservation of Pencil writing

Ranbir Kishore and O. P. Goel

Ind. Arch., 6 (1-2) January-December 1952, 34—38.

Application of a light wash of skimmed milk or of a 2.5% starch solution will preserve pencil writing from smearing or rubbing and has no deleterious effect on paper, but paper so treated becomes more vulnerable to attacks by micro-organisms or insects. Several prescriptions for lacquer varnish coatings which serve the same purpose but are without the defects of skimmed milk and starch coatings are given.

I.D.

3307 The Mediaeval Minister's Account

F. B. Stitt

Society of Local Arch. Bull., (11) April 1953.

The typical manorial account is written in Latin and is more or less elaborately subdivided into 3 or 4 separate schedules or accounts, cash transactions, grain, livestock, and labour services. Usually the cash account is on the front and the other schedules on the dorse. The object of the account is not to establish profit and loss but to set out the charge and discharge, *i.e.* what the official ought to have received, and how he has disposed of it or his explanation of why he has not received it. There were considerable differences in the form content and amount of detail as between one manor and another as well as between one period and another. It is always unsafe to make deductions from a single entry on a roll without careful comparison with similar entries on subsequent and preceding rolls. A sudden change in an entry may be due to a change in the form of making the account and not to an actual change within the manor. Detailed examples are given from manors of various sorts in the south midlands of England.

I.D.

3308 The Middlesex Deeds Registry and other Local Registries

Ida Darlington

Society of Local Arch. Bull., (11) April 1953.

An account of the Bedford Level Registry (established 1663), the Yorkshire Registries of Deeds (established 1703—1735) and the Middlesex Deeds Registry (established 1709), the only places where the registrations of transactions in land were compulsory in England prior to the 20th century. Descriptions are given of the records of the registries and their present whereabouts and availability to students.

I.D.

3309 The Future of the Public Record Office Acts

R. B. Pugh

Ind. Arch., 6 (1-2) January-December 1952, 21—23.

The public records of England and Wales and some of those of the United Kingdom are administered under the three Public Record Office Acts of 1838, 1877 and 1898. They do not give the Master of the Rolls the same compulsory powers over departmental records as he possesses over legal records. The principle underlying the proposed alteration in the law is that the chief archivist of the nation should have an unchallenged right to dispose of every public record once it has ceased to have current use.

I.D.

3310 The Madras Record Office

B. S. Baliga

Ind. Arch., 6 (1-2) January-December 1952, 1-7. Illus.

Madras was the first Indian state to organize a central record office. The article gives a brief outline of the history of the state archives since 1806 when Lord William Bentinck centralised the Secretariat records and describes the buildings, contents and organization of the record office and gives details of the precautions taken against white ants and other insect pests.

I.D.

3311 The Mauritius Archives

Auguste Toussaint

Ind. Arch., 6 (1-2) January-December 1952, 13-20.

The Mauritius Archives Office is one of the oldest archive centres of the southern hemisphere, its earliest records dating from the settlement of the island by the French in the early 18th century. The notarial records are particularly abundant and the cartographic material is valuable.

I.D.

3312 Municipal Archives and Records Center of the City of New York

Jason Horn

Amer. Arch., 16 (4) October 1953, 311-320.

As a result of complaints about the waste of office accommodation by storage of unwanted records and about the lack of care of records which should be kept, a special building was bought for a Municipal Archives and Records Center in 1943. It functions as a branch of the Municipal Reference Library and not as a separate agency. The Archives keeps records which are considered to have permanent historical value and it includes non-official material. The Records Center houses, schedules and disposes of departmental records which often have a semi-current use.

I.D.

3313 The Record Copying Program of the Utah Genealogical Society

Archibald F. Bennett

Amer. Arch., 16 (3) July 1953, 227-232.

When the Society was organized in 1894 one of its objectives was to collect and maintain a genealogical library for the use of its members and others. All Latter Day Saints are taught to appreciate and revere their forefathers and with this end in view to search out their records and life stories. This is often difficult as ancestors come from all parts of America and every nation of Europe. For

years printed and manuscript family histories, place histories, biographies and genealogical magazines have been bought for the library. In November 1938 a microfilming programme was begun. In 1952 about 2m. pages a month were filmed. At least 3 copies are made of each record, a negative, a positive for the library, and one for the owner of the original record. Opposition to the scheme in different countries is gradually being overcome. The library now has 80 reading machines and plans to have 400 in the new building.

I.D.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

3314 *Litt Svensk-Norsk bokhistorie: Bielke-Gyllenstierna*

[Notes on Swedish-Norwegian bibliography]

Henrik Harboe

Nord. Tid., 40 (2) 1953, 64—70. Illus.

Describes a copy of Gustavus Vasa's Bible (1540) given by the Swedish book-collector, Baron Hogenskild Bielke (1538—1605) to his sister Karin whose son, Karl Gyllenstierna later gave it to his wife Anna Ribbing. Two other books, one a copy of Pliny's *Natural History* (1612), in the families of Gyllenstierna are also described.

W.

3315 *L'Orlando Furioso del 1584 e una sua singolarità tipografica*

[A Typographical peculiarity of the *Orlando Furioso* of 1584]

Roberto Ridolfi

Bibliofilia, 54 1952, 92—96. Facsim.

All known copies of this printing, by Francesco de' Franceschi, with engraving by G. Porro, have the engraving which should accompany canto 34 replaced by that for canto 33 which appears twice. Copies are known where the missing plate has been replaced by a reprint, a pen-drawn copy or one taken from a London edition of Harington's translation. No valid explanation had been found for the substitution, but a copy has turned up in which plate 28 is in its correct place but has been pasted over the missing plate 34. The accidental substitution of XXXIII for XXVIII was evidently not observed until the whole edition had been printed, when the best solution seemed to be to print off, and substitute in the correct place, the necessary copies of plate 28 and to repeat plate 33 in place of the now missing 34.

F.S.S.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES: GENERAL SERVICES AND NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES

3316 **Locating Periodicals 1: *The World List of Scientific Periodicals***

W. A. Smith

Lib. Assn. Rec., 55 (8) August 1953, 245—247.

The first edition was published in 2 vols., one in 1923 of titles only (24,128) and one in 1927 containing library holdings. The 2nd edition was issued in 1934 containing 10,000 more titles and in one volume. In 1947 a 3rd edition was begun and this was published in 1952 and contains about 50,000 titles. Many difficulties beset the compiler such as changes in title, wrong information from the co-operating libraries, and errors from publishers and printers. The *World List* aims at getting essential and accurate information into the hands of people requiring it, as soon as possible. It has been found that there is a preponderance of recent foreign periodicals in the London area.

J.G.

3317 **Society of Chemical Industry: Documentation Committee**

Chem. and Ind., (39) 26 September 1953, 1013—1014.

Details of a number of errors and omissions in the 3rd edition of the *World List of Scientific Periodicals* are given. Further lists will be published. Details should be sent to: Miss M. I. Wyatt, The Laboratories, J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., 149 Hammersmith Road, London, W.14.

G.W.W.

3318 **Locating Periodicals 2: *The British Union-Catalogue of Periodicals***

James D. Stewart

Lib. Assn. Rec., 55 (8) August 1953, 248—250.

Came into existence in 1944. Libraries were asked to compile lists of their holdings of periodicals for incorporation. Much hitherto unlocated material was brought to light. The cataloguing of periodicals is a neglected technique; many libraries make inventories only. BUCOP has its own cataloguing rules formulated by Theodore Besterman. It was found that the original scheme included too much material for eventual publication and a number of entries for such items as time-tables, local directories, etc. were transferred to a reserve file and these will not be printed. BUCOP includes periodicals published in all parts of the world, in any language and on all subjects; 160,000 different titles are recorded, and by publication date, the holdings of over 300 libraries. 40% of the entries do not appear in the *Union List of Serials*.

J.G.

3319 *Italia Bibliografica* [an Italian annual repertory]
Bibliofilia, 54 1952, 156.

A first attempt at such a work has been made by the librarian G. S. Martini in the recent *Italia bibliografica* 1952 (Florence, Antiquariato Sansoni, 1952, 16mo, 127 pp.). This lists bibliographical works and contribution to books or periodicals published during 1952 and is divided into: (i) list of books etc., of bibliographical interest, in alphabetical author order, (ii) bibliographies in alphabetical order of subject. It has also alphabetical subject and name indexes and extensive notes on, and summaries of, the works listed. If its scope can be widened it will be of decisive importance in the field of Italian bibliographical studies.

F.S.S.

3320 *Das schweizer Inkunabelinventar*
[The Swiss inventory of incunabula]
Arnold Pfister

Nach. d. Vereinigung Schweizer Bib., 29 (5) September-October 1953, 155—170.

This list was begun in 1911 as part of the great German compilation (still uncompleted) the *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke*, and between 1911—13 about 13,000 items were listed taken from 150 owners, the largest number coming from the University Library at Basle. All the items have now been reduced to an alphabetical list except about 100. Three examples are given of variants in headings (name or title) to illustrate the difficulties met with over identifying names with different classical and medieval forms.

M.B.

3321 *Supplement to the Short-Title Catalogue* 1641—1700
Mary Isabel Fry and Godfrey Davies

Huntington Lib. Q., 16 (4) August 1953, 393—436.

Records 271 items not in Donald Wing's original compilation found as a result of checks against the 900 pamphlets owned by Mr. Godfrey Davies, the holdings in the Huntington Library and the Williams Andrews Clark Memorial Library, University of California.

W.

3322 *Sluzba bibliograficzno-informacyjna w Związku Radzieckim*

[Bibliographical and information services in the USSR]

Adam Bochenski

Przegląd Biblioteczny, 21 (1) 1953, 25—40.

An historical survey of bibliographical and information services in the USSR given in a lecture for Polish librarians. Underlines the efficiency of services and stresses the importance of annotations in readers' advisory work.

M.L.D.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES : SUBJECT

3323 University Instruction in Chemical Literature

Gerald Jahoda

J. of Chem. Educ., 30 (5) May 1953, 245—246.

A questionnaire to American Universities on courses in chemical literature showed that 32 out of 60 offered formal courses, 8 being given by librarians. Occasional talks and periods set aside in special courses were inadequate. An entire course devoted to chemical bibliography was required. The function of each type of literature should be explained and practical problems set.

G.W.W.

3324 A Home Reference Library for Chemistry Students

Gerald Jahoda

J. of Chem. Educ., 30 (10) October 1953, 507—509.

If a student owns a number of relatively inexpensive reference books it will help to awaken his initiative in finding information for himself and lead to good library habits. An annotated list of dictionaries, guides to literature, handbooks, aids for report writing and literature searches is given. Encyclopaedias are excluded because of price.

G.W.W.

3325 Bibliografia degli scritti stampati da G. B. Natolini primo tipografo friulano

[Bibliography of works printed by G. B. Natolini, the first typographer of Friuli]

Giovanni Comelli

Bibliofilia, 54 1952, 97—115. Facsim.

Apart from brief experiments in the 1480's, Natolini was the first printer to set up in Friuli, being appointed official printer to the Commune of Udine in 1592. The author traces briefly Natolini's career to this point and surveys his output from then until his death in 1609. A bibliography, in chronological order, of all works known to have been printed by Natolini and illustrated with facsimiles of the title-pages of all these editions, is based on original research in the libraries of Venice and Udine.

F.S.S.

3326 Some books on modern painting

Ina I. Cassirer

Bull. N.Y. Publ. Lib., 57 (10) October 1953, 497—505.

An annotated list of 40 books, mostly American. Preference has been given to general surveys of modern painting; to books discussing contemporary painting against its social, economic and cultural backgrounds; to books showing how individual artistic

currents become affected or absorbed by the main stream of modern art; and to books marking the place of American painting within this large development.

F.J.S.

3327 The Monthly List of Russian Accessions

Sonya G. Machelson

J. of Chem. Educ., 30 (8) August 1953, 418—419.

The list is a record of publications in the Russian language issued in and outside the Soviet Union which are currently received by the Library of Congress and a group of co-operating libraries. Some Soviet publications in other languages are included. Transliterated and translated titles of monographs and contents of periodicals are given; a subject index is included.

G.W.W.

3328 Das Hochschulschrifttum—seine Erschliessung für Wissenschaft und Praxis

[Availability of university publications for scholarly and practical work]

Werner Dux

Bibliothekar, 7 (11) November 1953, 786—789.

Doctoral and habilitation theses and dissertations should be easily accessible. In Eastern Germany alone some 7,000 are published annually, over 60% of which deal with medicine. Monographic in character they usually include useful bibliographies. Today they are no longer printed, typewritten copies only being made. Since 1951 *Wissenschaftliche Zeitschriften*, surveying academic work, occasionally includes dissertations. Collecting dissertations the Deutsche Bücherei publishes a complete list with author and subject indexes in the *Jahresverzeichnis der deutschen Hochschulschriften* (1936—). All theses written in German are included in *Neuerscheinungen der DDR*, and the *Deutsche Nationalbibliographie* (Series B) which form the basis for the production of catalogue cards grouped by subject. Berlin University has the largest holdings of dissertations in German: some 606,000.

F.M.J.

THE ART OF THE BOOK: PAPER, TYPOGRAPHY, BINDING, ILLUSTRATION

(See also Abstract No. 3325)

3329 Paper

R. G. Macdonald

Print, 8 (1) Winter 1953, 29—34. Illus. Bibliog.

A brief introduction to the part paper plays in the graphic arts field. Starting with a short history of the industry, which gives key dates and events, the methods of paper production in current use are described in rather more detail.

P.J.T.

3330 Defects in Paper

F. A. Craig

Paper and Print, 26 (3) Autumn 1953, 298—305.

The manifold imperfections to which paper is liable during manufacture are explained, described, and the causes examined. This is a detailed survey, and covers surface impurities, particles of foreign matter, colour, opacity, thickness, faulty sheet formation, watermarking, crushing, drying, blowing, rubbing, cockling and calendering.

P.J.T.

3331 The Story of Garamond

Arnold Bank

Print, 8 (1) Winter 1953, 42—48. Illus. Bibliog.

An explicit history of Garamond, well supplied with examples, showing formative influences.

P.J.T.

3332 Types in the Technical Trade Press

Kenneth Day

Print. Rev., (63) Autumn 1953, 30—32. Illus.

Some type-faces are used much more than others, *e.g.* Times New Roman and Perpetua, and the repertoire of faces used is small. More control is necessary in the use of boldness. There is often a failure to remember the importance of legibility.

G.H.

3333 The contribution of the Ink Industry to post-war printing

R. F. Bowles

Print. Rev., (63) Autumn 1953, 5—7. Illus.

A review of developments in quick-setting inks, moisture-set inks, daylight-fluorescent inks for silk-screen printing, liquid rotary inks, and composition rollers for printing machines.

G.H.

3334 New Offset equipment from the Continent

W. P. Jaspert

Print. Rev., 18 (32) Summer 1953, 43—44. Illus.

Describes plate-graining equipment—the Swedish *Lindmark*, the German *Velox* and the Austrian *System S*; and a plate stretching apparatus, the *Wuto* from Germany, which is claimed to overcome practically all register difficulties in offset multicolour printing.

G.H.

3335 Progress in make-ready

W. P. Jaspert

Print. Rev., (63) Autumn 1953, 11—13.

A description of a dry make-ready process (called *Primateon* in Switzerland) which uses plastic powders. The make-readies so produced can be made from pulls on almost any letterpress.

G.H.

3336 Printing for Royal occasions

Charles Hasler

Print. Rev., 18 (32) Summer 1953, 13—15. Illus.

A brief review of the development of Royal printing in England, beginning with William Faques in 1504.

G.H.

3337 Urea-formaldehyde resin as a vehicle for semi-permanent insecticidal and fungicidal coatings on bookbindings and bookcases

P. Bracey and F. Barlow

J. of Doc., 9 (3) September 1953, 157—168. Plate. References.

An account of an investigation into the possibility of improving the Crown Agents for the Colonies Standard Specification No. 40 on methods for protecting the bindings of books from attacks by insects and fungi. The trials were carried out in Salisbury Cathedral library. The treatment was found to be toxic to all insects for the first six months, and it is estimated that the protection would last for some years.

D.M.

3338 Collecting English signed bindings

A. N. L. Munby

Book Collector, 2 (3) Autumn 1953, 177—193. Illus.

Book bindings have been signed with the name of the craftsman at all periods, but most commonly between 1790—1850. This article deals solely with bindings tooled with gold. With the exception of the rare items decorated with signed fore-edge paintings, those of "our most splendid period" (1660—85) are usually anonymous. Signatures or initials are found in various places, on the fore-edge, the upper cover, at the foot of the title-page, on the spine, on the inside board fore-edge, and on the inner joint. In the 1820's printed or stencilled paste-downs began to be used. The usual method of signature was either by stamping inside the upper cover or by inserting a printed, engraved or lithographed card, which may well be simplifications of the 17th century card. These tickets should not be confused with the labels inserted by book-sellers. Mention is also made of signed publishers or trade bindings.

The work accomplished of Mr. Ellic Howe on binding executed in London and that in preparation by Mr. Charles Ramsden on those in the provinces should vastly facilitate the systematic study of bindings of this period, which have been overshadowed by, and neglected for, the work of Roger Payne.

J.C.S.

3339 Notes on the History of certain Twelfth-Century Central Italian mss. of Importance for the History of Painting

E. B. Garrison

Bibliofilia, 54 1952, 1—34. Facsims.

In examining illustrations in such mss. for evidence concerning stylistic evolution, art historians have tended to stress evidence found in the illustrations themselves. Other, readily utilized, evidence lies in colophons, marginal inscriptions and determinable facts about the history of a ms. Such information has been accumulated by librarians and cataloguers but has often conflicted with historians' own conclusions and has therefore been discounted. This is not enough. Non-stylistic evidence must be proved erroneous or the two things reconciled. The author's notes on five mss. concern the re-examination of their colophons, etc. In some cases the hitherto accumulated information has been proved wrong, in others merely incomplete. In all cases something seems to have been contributed to a more exact history.

F.S.S.

3340 Thomas Berwick

H. P. Rohde

Nord. Tid., 40 (2) 1953, 71—78. Illus.

Berwick's artistic treatment of the woodcut is shown by the change from the old type of black profile to one with more light and shade. Compare Saint's *Select Fables* (1776) with *A General History of Quadrupeds* (1790), especially the vignettes at the end of each chapter in which the illustrator reveals rich humorous and imaginative gifts.

W.

THE BOOK TRADE

3341 The Future of paper-bound books

Freeman Lewis

Bull. N.Y. Publ. Lib., 57 (10) October 1953, 506—515.

One of the biggest problems in the Canadian bookselling business is the distribution, financing and warehousing of small books. Before this period there have been four major waves of paper-bound book publishing on the American continent. Each ended in bankruptcy. In part, the causes were excessive inventories and

over-production. A study of the current inventory situation shows a very unhealthy state, but history may not repeat itself. Stock held is estimated at 175m. while current sale is put at 250m. per annum. Paper-bound publishers have met rising costs by ingenuity and substitutions; the appetite for book-reading will continue to grow; this source of revenue is important to authors; the sales are important to magazine wholesalers who handle the distribution; new methods of wholesaling and retailing must come; the editorial coverage can be extended.

F.J.S.

3342 Books for the million

Chem. and Ind., (42) 17 October 1953, 1097.

In spite of increased costs more books are being produced and sold. The cost of specialized scientific textbooks remains high but the gap between science and the public is being narrowed through publication of cheap paper-backed books such as the Pelican book Williams' *The Chemical Industry*.

G.W.W.

AUTHORS, PUBLISHERS AND READERS

3343 The University of Toronto Press

Can. Lib. Assn. Bull., 10 (3) October 1953, 93-94.

The University of Toronto Press, now 52 years old, operates a bookstore for the University students as well as its printing plant. The Press is treated as a department of the University, its financial and publishing policy being laid down by Committees. It receives no subsidy from the University but is self-supporting. Its publication policy is scholarly but not narrowly academic. The present Director, Marsh Jeanneret, believes the function of a University Press is to serve scholarship with a publishing programme that cannot be provided by any other source. Seven learned journals as well as 25-30 original Canadian academic works per year are issued. One notable series is on Canadian Government. Owing to intense competition from the U.K. and U.S.A. commercial Canadian publishers cannot afford to publish many original Canadian works, hence the importance of such a press.

J.M.B.

3344 La Littérature indonésienne contemporaine

[Contemporary Indonesian literature]

Mochtar Lubis

Can. Lib. Assn. Bull., 10 (3) October 1953, 95.

Indonesian literature in the last 40 years has escaped from stories of princes and supernatural beings to social problems—conflicts between the new ideas and the old, the fight against forced marriages

and other restrictive customs. The present generation of writers, who have grown up under Dutch and Japanese occupation and the struggle for independence, tends to be extremist in its views. These writers, however, are more concerned with humanity in general than with the conflict of East and West. A few of the more important writers are mentioned. Since 1940 modern American writers have made an impact on prose writers.

J.M.B.

3345 Kind und Buch [Child and book]

Johannes Langfeldt

B. u. Bild., 5 (9) September 1953, 831—843.

Considers that the ethical aspect in judging children's books in Germany since 1900 has been overlooked. A child should be encouraged to develop its own faculties instead of being kept "in leading strings". Fairy tales, merry tales, legends and chapbooks should not be given indiscriminately. Such books should be examined more closely from ethical and aesthetic points of view. A child's reading should make the child familiar with present day life and its problems.

W.

3346 Un Dibattito su "La Letteratura dei Ragazzi in Italia"

[A Debate on Children's Reading in Italy]

Parola, 36 (7-8) July-August 1953, 265.

The Roman Cultural Community Centre (Centro Culturale Romano di Comunità) recently organized a discussion in Rome, between speakers representing publishers, the cinema, journalism, social work and libraries, on the typical subject of reading-matter for children and its bearing on juvenile crime. Opening the debate, Dr. M. Mazzocchi said that present and past productions were often compared to the unfair disadvantages of the former. Our times had something vital to contribute and "comics" must be studied dispassionately to discover what they had to offer. Among points made by other speakers were: the regrettable usurpation of the place of text by pictures; the need to interest children in reading and for greater co-operation between teachers and librarians. A successful public exhibition was held about the same time.

F.S.S.

3347 Teen-age reading

Vernon Ives

A.L.A. Bull., 47 (9) October 1953, 400—404.

A report on a study made by the Publishers Liaison Committee. The 283 replies to a questionnaire revealed that: novel-size books of 250—300 pages with a generous type and a cloth binding rather than

cloth substitute are preferred; jackets are much used for displays and for circulation; end-paper maps, etc. should be avoided; there will be fewer illustrations in fiction in future. The public librarian selects for an *adult* group of better readers, while the school librarian chooses in terms of junior books. On quality of books there were differences of opinion, *e.g.* on abridgments of classics, on buying all books by one author or all books in a series; depended on the integrity of the publisher. More books are wanted on the following: factual biographies, anthologies, personality development, sex education, factual travel, plays, introductory psychology, comparative religion, comparative governments, international relations and serious studies of racial problems. Career fiction is popular; boy's fiction requires more reality, a more mature approach, adventure, excitement and fast-moving action. Science fiction, especially space opera, is preferred in full length stories. There is also a need for books giving factual information about the universe and space.

W.

3348 Radio and Reading in Britain

Joseph Trenaman

Brit. Bk. News, (160) December 1953, 629-633.

The B.B.C. decided, during its Further Education Experiment, to try to estimate the numbers of people who wanted to borrow or buy a particular book before, during and some time after it had been broadcast as a serial. An inquiry was made into the effects of 5 broadcast serials at 65 public libraries with nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ m. registered readers. It was found that the demand for the book increased, and remained fairly steady over the whole period of the broadcast. It is known from experimental work that whereas the reading of books decreases with the declining cultural or educational level, listening to the radio tends to increase at the lower educational levels. There may be a slight tendency for listening to lead on to reading. If one looks at what broadcasting has to offer, it is hard to believe that it can compete with all that a book service can provide. Only in broadcast readings from stories and novels and dramatized serials are there programmes which might be considered direct competitors to the printed word. It is just in this direction that the B.B.C. enquiry has shown a marked tendency for radio to encourage rather than compete with reading.

D.R.

3349 The Freedom to read

Bull. Free Lib. Comm. Vermont, 49 (2) September 1953, 19-23.

A statement prepared by the Westchester conference of the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers Council, May 2-3, 1953. Freedom to read and of communication,

essential to a free society and a creative culture is under pressure. Censorship is not necessary. It is not believed that Americans are prepared to sacrifice their heritage of a free press in order to be protected against what others think may be bad for them. Seven propositions are affirmed: it is the responsibility of publishers and librarians to make available the widest diversity of views, without endorsement or censorship and without labelling book or author as subversive; it is their duty to protect freedom to read and to provide books, which enrich the quality of thought or expression; there is no place for extra-legal efforts to coerce readers or writers to conformity. [Also in *Books*, (279) September 1953, 6—8.]

G.P.S.

BIOGRAPHY

3350 *Fra min bibliotekstid*

[From my life as a librarian]

Carl Dumreicher

Bogens Verden, 35 (5) 1953, 229—237.

This is mostly a biographical article about Chr. Walter Bruun, Sophus Birket-Smith and Sophus Larsen, librarians at the University Library of Copenhagen, and two other colleagues the author has known during his long life as librarian of the University Library.

L.L.

3351 *Jan Muszkowski, uczony-bibliolog*

[Jan Muszkowski: Obituary]

Helena Wieckowska

Przegląd Biblioteczny, 21 (2) 1953, 97—110.

Jan Muszkowski, 71, who died in Poland on the 29th January, 1953, was well known in the library world as representative of Poland in the International Committee of Libraries, and various library committees working under auspices of pre-war Institute of Intellectual Co-operation in Paris and then U.N.E.S.C.O. He was one of the founders of the Polish Library Association; in 1926—1939 director of the Krasinski Library in Warsaw; professor of library science first in Warsaw and lately at University in Lodz, Poland. Bibliography of his works list over 200 titles of which *Zycie ksiazki*, now in 2nd edition, a manual of book knowledge, is best known. He continued work on the Estreicher Bibliography, Polish national bibliography; files comprising descriptions of c.125,000 titles of books published in 1900—1925 were lost through fire in Warsaw in 1944.

M.L.D.

3352 Dziennik Karola Sienkiewicza

[Karol Sienkiewicz's Diary]

Maria Danilewiczowa

Wiadomosci (News), London, 8 (37) 13 September 1953.

Karol Sienkiewicz (1793—1860), Polish librarian, kept an interesting diary during his library tour of Great Britain in 1820—21. Hitherto unknown, this diary was discovered in 1948 in Warsaw and published in 1953 by Zakl. Narodowy im. Ossolińskich, Wrocław, with Mr. B. Horodyski's introduction and notes. Karol Sienkiewicz visited the greatest and most important libraries and compiled a list of polonica in the British Museum, the Bodleian and Edinburgh libraries. He describes his contacts with Joseph Planta, Thomas Dibdin, etc., and his hunt for polonica in bookshops and auctions in London and Edinburgh. The diary has obvious literary merits and offers a vivid picture of 1820—21 England as seen by a keen librarian and admirer of English literature.

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